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CONTRAVENTION OF THE FISHERIES ACT.—Edward Hinckley, John Niffin, Darius [illegible] and Samuel Zeager, of Rainham, [illegible]ined $1 each for catching and having in their possession on the 20th instant one maskinonge 25 pounds weight, it being close season. The fish was given to Dr. Harrison, J. P., of Selkirk, to be disposed of. Mr. J. W. Kerr, Fishery Overseer, prosecuted.

Striped Bass in Lake Ontario.

Seth Green, of Rochester, writes to the New York *Tribune*:—I have noticed articles in the papers of late in regard to striped bass in Lake Ontario and how they got there. A few having been caught at different localities there has been some inquiry on the subject. On the 27th of June, 1878, Mr. A. W. Marks, employed by the New York State Fish Commission, started from Catskill, N.Y., with 147 striped bass from five to seven inches in length. The following day, June 28th, 140 of these fish were deposited in the Genesee river below the lower falls at Rochester, and about six miles from Lake Ontario. Seven of the fish had died on the way, but the remainder were in fine condition. The first one I heard of being taken was on October 27, 1879. A fish was sent me for examination, the fisherman not knowing what it was. It proved to be a genuine striped bass, and measured sixteen inches in length and nine inches in girth, and was well fed. The fish was caught in a seine in the Niagara river at Lewiston, N.Y.

I have heard of one other being taken at Sackett's Harbour on Lake Ontario, and others may have been taken which have not been reported. The Fish Commission will without doubt take steps to transplant more of the striped bass into Lake Ontario, now that the success of the experiment is a known fact.

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SEIZURE OF NETS.

The Fishermen on Hamilton Beach Get Themselves Into a Scrape.

There is very little fish coming from the fishermen on Hamilton Beach at the present time, and the reason of it is they have no nets to work with. The other day Mr. Kerr, the Inspector, thinking that the fishermen down there were transgressing the law, put in an appearance, seized a few yards of net which he found in the bay and drove off, intimating before he left that it would probably be some time before he would be back again. It is said, however, that the Inspector returned "like a wolf in the night" and found that the fishermen, almost to a man, had set to work to break the law with great energy. His search in the bay revealed the fact that almost every yard of serviceable net in the possession of the fishermen was doing duty capturing pike, which is in direct contravention of the regulations. It is said Mr. Kerr confiscated the entire lot, and now some of the owners are declaring that the new Inspector is a very cunning fellow indeed.

A TIMES representative had a conversation with one of the fishermen by telephone this afternoon. He says that the owners of the nets do not believe that it was Mr. Kerr who took them. They think they were stolen from the bay by some parties unknown. The TIMES is not in a position to state positively what has become of them, or whether they were really seized by the Inspector, but the probability is that they were taken on account of the contravention of the law.

—Mr. Fred. Kerr, the energetic fishery overseer, yesterday succeeded in seizing about 500 yards of pike gill net in Hamilton Bay, opposite Harris' inlet. He is determined to put a stop to such illegal operations as are carried on by certain fishermen in this locality just now.

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—Fishery Inspector Kerr yesterday seized 500 yards of pike gill netting that had been illegally set in an open space opposite Harris' inlet.

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HERY Inspector Kerr, of Hamilton, Caledonia a visit on Friday last, to put a stop to illegal fishing of pickerel and bass. He also went to York and Mount Healy, whore he found a number of dip nets at work. He ordered the owners to remove them, which was instantly obeyed, He intends to proceed against them in a few days for contravention of the Fishery Act. For those who are not aware when the close seasons are, we might say that pickerel cannot be caught from 15th April to 15th May; bass and maskinonge cannot be caught from 15th April to 15th June. No person shall, during such prohibited times, fish for, catch, kill. buy, sell, or have in possession any of the kinds of fish mentioned above.

—F. Kerr, fishery inspector, on Friday last seized a number of gill nets in Lake Erie belonging to Americans who have been fishing illegally and encroaching on Canadian waters for some time. Mr. Kerr is making a strong effort to stop it.

—There were a number of visitors in the

Personal.

Mr. F. Kerr, Hamilton, fishery inspector for this district, was in the city yesterday visiting the various fishing stations along the lake shore to Niagara and Queenston. Our friend looks well, and keeps a keen eye on the Zebedees under his control, Lately he has been retorting on those fellows out in Behring sea, and seized about 1,500 yards of a fine net which was set by Yankee fishermen off Point Abino, Lake Erie. Fred. does not believe in letting poachers do as they please in Canadian waters.

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WHO TOOK THE NETS?

There appears to be a slight misunderstanding between the fishermen at Burlington Beach and Fishery Inspector Kerr. This misunderstanding is the cause of considerable anxiety among the fishermen, and it prevents them in a measure from plying their vocatron. In some mysterious way all, or nearly all, the nets owned by the fishermen at the Beach have disappeared. The fishermen say that the nets were stolen, but it is whispered around that the fish inspector could, if he so desired, throw much light on the mysterious disappearance. Not long ago he paid a visit to the Beach and captured one net, and the same night he returned and it is said he made quite a haul. At any rate the nets disappeared about the time of his visit, but the fishermen do no acknowledge that Mr. Kerr seized them.

THE SPRING ASSIZES

Fishery Inspector Kerr is still on the warpath. He went out Saturday night with his staff and seized 1,200 yards of net. "If the fishermen can stand it, I can," was the philosophical way in which Mr. Kerr sized up the situation this morning.

Moneys received from and forwarded to the Fishery Department for Licenses for the Year 1888 = Y. Yeo

month	date					$	cts
May	14		Vale	Port Erie	For Gill Net License	5.	00
"	"		Page & Balson	Lyconnel	" " Bound Net License	100	00
	"		John Rice	Port Stanley	" " "	250	00
	"		John A Dann	Grimby	gill net License	1	00
May	26		W J Emery	Port Burwell	For Pound net License	200	00
June	1st	×	John Babcock	Burlington	Boat License for Gillnet	5	00
	"	×	Jo C. Ving	"	" " "	1	00
June	14	×	A. P. Shaw	Port Erie	" " "	5	00
"	30	×	Charles Rolla	Burlington Beach	" " "	3	00
"	"	×	Wood Corey	" "	" " "	5	00
"	"	×	Daniel Megwyne	" "	" " "	5	00
"	"	×	Moses Riblock	" "	" " "	4	00
July	7	×	Paterick Hund	Wronica	" " White fish	5	00
"	9	×	Charles Atkison & Andrew Lamble	Port Dalhousie	" " "	5.	00
July	25	×	Henery Sheppard	Queenston	Seine net License	10	00
Aug	1	×	Joseph W Gabriel	"	Application for Seine Lic	10	00
"	11	×	Robert Hall	Burlington Beach	License for gill nets	5	00
"	14	×	William Smith	" "	Boat License to Gillnet Gift	5	00
	23	×	W. Thance Jr	Town of Burlington	" " "	5	00
"	27	×	Prince Depew.	Burlington Beach	for Boat License. 3000 Yds Gillnet	5.	00
"	27	×	Daniel Megwire	" "	" " " 1000 "	5	00
	27	×	Mrs Mortimer Corey	Burlington Beach	free License	0	00
Sept	10	×	John Jaffe	Burlington Beach	for one Seine License	5	00
"	"	×	Thomas & Wm Hand	Beamsville	" " Boat License	5	00
"	15	×	John Hand	Grimby	for one Boat Licence for Salmon Trout	5	00
	13	×	Mrs B Moulds	Burlington Beach	one Boat License	5	00
"	22	×	Johnathan Corey	"	for one Boat License	5	00
Sept	27	+	Peter Nath	Port Dalhousie	" " "	5	00
"	"	+	Isaac Durham	Clinton	" "	5	00
"	"	+	Philip Trafford	"	" "	5	00
"	"	+	James Walker	one seine 40 yds for own use		1	00
"	"	+	William Sands	150 yds of gillnet	Clinton	1	00
"	"	+	Joseph P. Culp	"	"	1	00
"	"	+	Gilbert Hugh	" "	Carried Over	$ 499	00

Money received from Fishermen and when sent to the Department for the year 1883

month	date							$	cts
						Carried forward		$ 6 79	00
Sept	27	+	Courtland High	Township	Clinton	1500 yds	Gill net	$ 1	00
"	"	+	Frank Price	" do	" do	do	do	1	00
"	29	+	Robert Braatt	Burlington Beach		A. Boat License		5	00
Oct.	3	+	Chester Wadsworth	Queenston		for License 2 Machines 1200 yds		20	00
"	4	+	George Irwin	Port Nelson	"	Boat License	Gill N	5	00
"	"	+	David Tyler	Burlington Beach	"	one Seine W.	500 yds	5	00
"	"	X	John Robinson & Boothman	P. Nelson	"	Boat License	& 3200 yds	1	00
"	"	X	William House	Township Clinton	"	" "	200 "	1	00
"	5th	+	John & Charles Bolton	Niagara	2	" "	2400 yds G.N.	10	00
"	"	+	Albert & Charles Ball	"	1	" "	4000 " "	5	00
"	"	+	Keefe & Mills	Niagara	1		4000 " "	5	00
"	"	X	George Culp	~~Burlington Beach~~ Clinton Beamsville	1		200 "	1	00
Oct.	13	X	Charles Jaffe	Burlington Beach	1	Boat Lic.	4000 "	5	00
"	16	X	Robert Joice	Bronte	4	Boat Lic.	20000 "	20	00
"	"	X	Thomas Joice	"	3	" "	15000 "	15	00
"	"	X	John Ingledew	"	1	" "	5000 "	5	00
"	18	X	Richard Jaffe	Burlington Bt.	1	" "	"	5	00
"	18	X	Robert Boots	Township Clinton	1	& Money sent	500 Net	5	00
"	23	X	David Tyson	Beamsville	1	" "	2000	5	00
"	"	X	Edward Joice	Port Credit	1	" "	4000	5	00
"	"	X	Messr Osborne & Hubert	Port Credit	1	" "	4000	5	00
"	"	X	Robert High	Toronto	"		2000	5	00
Nov.	1	X	B Willard	Port Credit	1	Boat Lic. & 6000	Seine	10	00
"	"	+	Richard Gilbert	Jordan	1	" License	8000	5	00
"	"	+	William Ingledew	Bronte	1	" "	5000	5	00
"	2	X	Mrs Jane Elliot	Niagara		on account of Seine Lic.		5	00
"	7	+	Robert ~~Book~~ Bishop	Niagara	2	Boat Lic.	8000	10	00
"	"	+	Robert J Allen	"	1	Seine License	H. W.	5	00
"	"	X	Richard B Joice	Bronte	3	Boat License	15000	15	00
"	13	+	Joseph Masters	Niagara	1	" "	4000	5	00
"	"	X	Wm Joice	Bronte	total Amt	$ 64.00		15	00
"	21	X	A J Oswold	Port Erie	1	$ 84.00	2000	5	00
"	22	X	William Scott	Bridgeway	1	" "	2000	5	00
Dec	10	X	Isaac Richard	Bronte	on account	" "	8000	5	00
"	26	X	Isaac Richard	Bronte	on	$ 21.00		5	00
"	"	+	John Geertits	"	"		4000	5	00

Mailed on the 1888 License received from Dept and when mailed or delivered

	Date	month				fee $	Cts
Mailed on the	11.	July	an Boat License for	John Babcock	Burlington	5	00
" "	"	"	" " "	John Colling	"	1	00
" "	"	"	one Seine " "	A. P. Shaw	Fort Erie	5	00
Delivered on the	12	"	" " " "	Clk Rolla	Burlington B	5	00
" "	18	"	an Boat License "	Charles Rolla	" "	3	00
" "	"	"	" " " " "	Fred Corey	" "	5	00
" "	"	"	" " " " "	Daniel Gregoire		5	00
" "	"	"	" " " " "	Moses Hoblock		4	00
Mailed "	23	"	" " " "	Charles Arkison	P Dalhousie	5	00
" "	25	Augt	one Seine "	Henery M Sheppard	Queenston	10	00
Delivered "	27	"	an Boat License free	Prince Depew	B. Beach	5	00
Deliverd "	"	"	" " " "	Mrs. Corey	"	free	
	"	"	" " " "	William Smith	" "	5	00
	"	"	" " " "	Daniel Iroquois	"	5	00
Mailed "	"	"	" " "	W Chance	Burlington	5	00
Delivered "	31	"	one Machine License	Joseph W Fabrick	Queenston	10	00
Mailed "	8	Sept	one Boat License to	Mrs B. Goulds	Burlington Beach	5	00
Delivered	19	"	one Seine License "	John Taffe	" "	5	00
Delivered	22d	"	one Boat License	Patterick Hand	Winona	5	00
"	"	"	" " "	Johnathan Corey	B. Beach	5	00
"	"	"	" " "	John Hand	Grimsby	5	00
Mailed	10	Oct	1 Boat License to	Philip Tufford	Beamsville	5	00
"	"	"	" " " "	Isaac Durham	Grimsby	5	00
"	"	"	" " " "	Peter Nath	Port Dalhousie	5	00
"	"	"	" " " "	Franks Price	Beamsville	1	00
"	"	"	" " " "	Wm Land	"	1	00
"	"	"	" " " "	Joseph Culp	"	1	00
"	"	"	" " " "	Albert High	"	1	00
"	"	"	" " " "	Cortland High	"	1	00
"	"	"	one Seine License	James Walker	"	1	00
"	"	"	2 Machines	Chester Wadsworth		20	00
"	13	Oct	2 Boat Licenses	John & Chas Bolton	niag	10	00
	"	"	1 " "	Albert & Chas Ball	niag	5	00
	"	"	1 " "	Keith & Mills	Niagara	5	00
	"	"	1 " "	George Downey	Burlington	5	00

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No. marked & del.	Date	Month	Licenses received from Dept and when mailed or delivered			Name	Post Office	$	Cts
[illegible]	16	Oct	4 Boats	Seine	H. G. Net	20000 cts	Robert Joice	Bronte	20	00
[illegible]	"	"	3	"	"	15000	Thomas Joice	"	15	00
D	17	"	1	"	"	5000	Charles Jaffe	Burlington Beach	5	00
D	"	"	1	"	"	3000	Robert Bradt	" "	5	00
D	"	"	1	"	"	"	Richard Jaffe	" "	5	00
Mail	23	Oct	1	"	"	5000	John Ingledew	Bronte	5	00
"	29	"	1	"	"	500	Robert Book	Beamsville	5	00
"	4th	Nov	3	Boats	"	15000	Richard B Joice	Bronte	15	00
	"	"	1			5000	Messrs Osborne & Hubert	"	5	00
	"	"	1			1000	David Tyson	Beamsville	5	00
	"	"	1			4000	Edward Joice	P. Credit	5	00
	"	"	1			200	John Robinson	P. Nelson	1	00
	"	"	1			200	William House	Beamsville	1	00
	"	"	1			200	George Culp	"	1	00
D.	"	"	1	Boat and	one seine		B Wollard	Port Credit	10	00
D	9	Nov	1	"	License	500	Robert High	Toronto	5	00
n	10	"	1	"	"		William Ingledew	Bronte	5	00
"	"	"	1	"	"		Richard Gilbert	Jordon	5	00
"	14	"	2	"	License	10000	Robert Bishop	Niagara	10	00
"	"	"	one seine License				Robert Allen	"	5	00
Mail	24	"	one Boat License			2000	Joseph Masters	Niagara	5	00
"	3	Dec	1	"	"	2000	A J Oswold	Port Erie	5	00
m	"	"	"	"	"	2000	William Scott	Ridgeway	5	00
D	8	Dec	1	Spearing	License		William Smith	Hamilton	1	00
D	"	"	"	"	"		Chas Smith	"	1	00
m	"	"	"	"	"		Wm White	"	1	00
D	26	"	Yone Boat License				Isaac Pickard	Bronto	10	00
D	"	"	~~John Yertle~~	"			John Yertle	on rec'd Boat	5	00

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1888 1889 Monies received for licenses to Spear Burlington Bay from the 1st Nov to 15th April

1888						$	cts
Nov	24	Received of Spencer Hamilton	1	for Spearing license		1	00
"	"	" William Bolton Flamboro	2	" "		1	00
Dec	3	" Rec: from Wm Whyte 261 Yorkst	3	" "		1	00
"	8	" " Charles Smith Yorkst	4	" "		1	00
"	"	" " William Smith "	5	" "		1	00
Dec	19	" " R G. Babcock	6	" "		1	00
"	22	" " Alex Macdonald	7	" "		1	00
"	"	" George Waterbury Dalfleet	8	- -		1	00
	"	" Alfred Harris	9	- -		1	00
	26	" John Hughson Hamilton	10	- -	=	1	00
Jan	22	" Benjamin Arthur Hamilton	11	- -		1	00
"	29	" George White Hamilton	12	- -		1	00
Feb	2	" Nr Starchild "	13	" "	=1	00	
"	7	" Robert Irons 190 Hunter St West	14	" "		1	00
"	"	" William Baker 19a ~~wilson St~~	15	318 King St west		1	00
"	"	" J H. Herbert 192 wilson St	16	- -		1	00
"	"	" James Harper 24 market St	17	- -		1	00
"	"	" John Oneal Burlington Heights	18	- -		1	00
"	"	" George Cooper Hamilton	19	- -		1	00
"	"	" John Dingle Dundas	20	- -		1	00
"	"	" William Walker "	21	- -		1	00
"	"	" Harry Bawden Hamilton	22	- -		1	00
"	"	" George Kramer " "	23	- -		1	00
"	"	" Samuel Lottridge Dalfleet	24			1	00
"	"	" Ramsay Wells 7 Sophia St	25	- -		1	00
"	"	" David Wells Hamilton	26	- -		1	00
"	18	" Arthur Catchpole Hamilton	27	- -		1	00
"	"	" Joseph Smith "	28	- -		1	00
"	"	" George Stipes Boston	29	- -		1	00
"	"	" Wm Jamison Hamilton	30	- -		1	00
"	11	" Thomas Pedlam Hamilton	31	- -		1	00
"	"	" John Smoke Flamboro	32	- -		1	00
"	"	" John Spooner Hamilton	33			1	00
				Carried over.		$33	00

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1889 Name of Spearer who has taken out License to fish in Burlington Bay

Month	Date	No. 53 84				$	cts
				Carried forward		33	00
Feb.	12	34	Thomas Jones	Saltfleet	Fish Spear in Burlington Bay	1	00
"	"	35	Arthur Bates	"	" "	1	00
"	"	36	E Williams	Bur. Beach	" "	1	00
"	"	37	Walter Ghent	Saltfleet	" "	1	00
"	14	38	William Carneron	Hamilton	" "	1	00
"	"	39	John Fairy	Hamilton	" "	1	00
"	15	40	James Ross	Hamilton	" "	1	00
"	"	41	Harry Baynes	Bur Beach	" "	1	00
"	"	42	Isaac Pollock	Barton	" "	1	00
"	"	43	James Flett	Hamilton	" "	1	00
"	16	44	Alfred Meinke	Hamilton	" "	1	00
"	21	45	John Buscomb	Hamilton	" "	1	00
"	"	46	William Baker Jr	"	" "	1	00
"	"	47	J. Branchton	"	" "	1	00
"	"	48	George Bent	Burlington	" "	1	00
"	22	49	William Johnson	Hamilton	" "	1	00
"	"	50	Wm Prince	Depew Burlington Beach	"	1	00
"	25	57	Rodolph	Franks Hamilton	" "	1	00
"	"	52	Edward	Franks "	" "	1	00
"	"	53	J.	Lane "	" "	1	00
Mar.	1	54	Alfred	King Hamilton	" "	1	00
"	2	55	John	Colling Burlington	" "	1	00
"	8	56	George E	Douglas Barton	" "	1	00
"	9	57	George	Coleman Hamilton	" "	1	00
	13	58	John	Baynes B B	" "	1	00
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The date when license fees was received from Fisherman and when sent to the Fisheries Department for the Year 1889

				$	cts
May	9½	Received from Chas Nurse Humber Bay	for one seine 250 yds	10	00
"	"	" " " "	" one Boat License 6000 yds	10	00
"	"	Mrs Jane Elliot Niagara	Balance on last year license	5	00
Feb	6	Joseph Gabriel Queenston	for license to fish one machine	10	00
March	6	Henery M Sheppard Queenston	" " " one seine 50 yds	10	00
"	20	Sylvanus Young Port Bruce	for five Pound net License	25	00
"	25	John & Paul Niagara	for License to fish for own use	1	00
"	25	Thomas Thompson Port Bruce	license for 5 Pound nets	25	00
"	29	B. Woolford Port Credit	for one seine License	5	00
"	"	" " " "	" one Boat License 6000 yds	5	00
April	3	" David Lybrock Beamsville	" one seine	5	00
"	9	John M Mcmullin & Perrott Niagara	one Boat License 5000 yds	5	00
"	10	Balls Brothers	disco white fish 5000	5	00
"	10	Chas Currie & Ryph Taylor	Blue Back Herrin	5	00
"	10	~~Andries Vansteamburg Jordan~~	~~Grimsby Town one seine of~~	~~5~~	~~00~~
"	10	Chester Wadsworth Queenston	for two Machine	20	00
"	"	John Welch Port Dalhousie	for one dip net	1	00
"	19	George Elliot Jordan	for one Boat Licens & 4000 yds	5	00
"	16	Rec Wm ~~Sclo~~ Scott Ridgeway	for three Pound net	15	00
"	17	Rec John McCarty Dunville	for one seine license take Perch	5	00
"	22	Charles Carrick Port Erie	Gill net licens	5	00
"	"	James Lefford Port Dalhousie	License for Dip net	1	00
"	24	Nichols Everett Port Erie	L. to fish one seine	15	00
"	"	Chas Wall "	" one Boat License	5	00
"	"	John Kay "	" "	5	00
"	"	David Shirk & Nichner	Shurkton one B. License	5	00
"	"	Isaac Nichner	Low Banks one Seine	5	00
"	"	Chas Springer	Port Colborne L. to fish own use	1	00
"	"	Abram Barras "	" "	1	00
		+ William Hodgkinson	Grantham license to fish own use	1	00
May	18	James R. Gordon St Catherines	Boat License	5	00
"	"	Andrew Vansteamburg	Queenstown Seine one net	5	00
"	"	David P Knisley Port Colborne	Licens for own use	1	00
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May	28	John Bolton	Niagara	one Boat License	$ 5 00
"	"	Charles Bolton	"	" " "	5 00
"	"	Joseph Masters	"	" " "	5 00
June	4	Chester A. Harris	Fort Erie	for one seine	10 00
"	"	Messrs Stanfield & Murdock	Ridgeway	one Boat Licen	2 50
June	14	William Scott	Ridgeway	one Boat licens	5 00
"	20	Wm Smith	Burlington Beach	Boat Lic	5 00
June	28	received one Dollar from A A Davis Clerk for fines			1 00
July	25	John Hughes	Burlington Beach	one Boat Lic 20 to No 20	5 00
"	"	Jacob Millenbock	Fisherville	on half of Seine	2 50
Augt	1	Robert Bradt	Burlington Beach	for lic for Boat No 12	5 00
"	2	Louis Pew.	Dunville	one seine 25-0 Gals long	6 5 00
Augt	30	Keith & Mills	Niagara	Boat license	$ 5 00
"	"	James Cantwell	"	"	$ 5 00
"	"	Mrs Jane Elliot	Niagara	one seine Ass'd	$ 10 00
"	"	Patrick Hand	Port Dalhousie	Boat License	$ 5 00
"	"	William Hand	"	"	$ 5 00
"	"	Peter Nath	"	" "	$ 5 00
Sept	12	Joseph Mercer	Niagara	Boat license	$ 5 00
"	14	Thos. Hand	Niagara	Boat License	$ 5 00
"	21	Daniel McGuire	B. Beach	Boat license Lot No 12 17 18	$ 10 00
"	"	Mrs B. Goulds	"	" Boat license 14	$ 5 00
"	23	John Bolton	Niagara	for night lines	$ 5 00
Oct	4	Robert Bishop	Niagara	2 Boats Licenses	$ 10 00
"	11	Mrs. Jane Elliot	"	one seine	$ 5 00
"	3	John & Wm McEachen	Port Colborne	Boat Lic	5 00
"	5	John Hand	Beamsville	lic for own use	1 00
"	14	Robert Book	Beamsville	Boat license	5 00
"	16	Robert Webster	B. Beach	B. L for Lot No 17	5 00
"	16	Moses Niblock	"	" No 21. 22	4 00
"	16	David Peter	"	for a seine License L. No 7	5 00
	16	Wm Palmer Depew	B. Beach	Boat Lic Lot No 11	5 00
"	"	J. N Corey	"	" " " " 15	5 00
	19	John Hand	Grimsby	Boat license	5 00
"		Joseph Gilbert	Jordan	Boat license	5 00
					$ 169 00

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month	date				$	cts
Oct	22	×Johnathan Corey 13	Beach	receive payment for		
		×American Nets the sum of			8	50 00
				×Ent No 16		
	24	×John Hagel	Burlington	Beach Boat License		5 00
	"	×William Everett	International	Bridge one seine lic		5 00
		×Jo Woodman	Hamilton	a license to fish two nets		1 00
Oct	26	×David Tyson	Beamsville	for a Boat license		5 00
	29	×Chas Zoffe	Burlington	Beach Boat license		5 00
	"	×John Zaffe	"	" " Seine license		5 00
	"	×Richard Zaffe	"	" " License for Lot 10		4 00
Nov	5	×Philip Zafford	Beamsville	" Boat license		5 00
"	25	×Johnathan Corey	Burlington	B. Nets No 1 & 2		5 00
"	30	×Alex Bolla	Burlington	Beach Boat license		5 00
"	"	×Chas Baller	"	" " "		5 00
"	"	×George Corey	"	" " "		5 00
Dec.	2	Andrew Vanstenenburg	Niagara	for seine Boat		10 00
Nov	30	×John Hughes for Connecticut Nets				6 00
Dec	"	one half of fine imposed on Isaac Doughty				2 00

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1889 License received from Dept and the date when mailed

January	21	To Chas Thurse Humber	Bay one seine License	$ 10	00
"	"	" " " "	" one Boat License	10	00
February	21	To Joseph Gabriel & Son	Queenston for one Machine	10	00
March	24	To Henery M. Shepphkrd	Queenston for one seine	10	00
"	29	Sent to B Woolland	Port Credit License for one seine	5	00
"	"	" " "	" " one Boat License	5	00
April	15	Sent John St Paul	Niagara for a Boat to be used to fish own	1	00
"	10	" David Lybrook	Beamsville one seine	5	00
"	20	Sent Wm Scott	Hedgeway license for 3 pounds	150	00
May	4	Sent Chester Wadsworth	Queenston 2 machines	20	00
"	"	" Currie & Taylor	Niagara Boat License	5	00
"	"	" Ball Bro	" " " "	5	00
"	"	Perrott & Ingmillen	" " "	5	00
"	"	Jno George Elliot	Jordon " "	5	00
April	27	John Mccartney	Dunville seine License	5	00
May	16	Chas. Carrick	Port Erie Boat License	5	00
"	"	Chas. Springer	Port Colborne License for use of own	1	00
"	"	Nicholas Everett	Port Erie seine License	15	00
"	"	Charles Barres	Port Colborne License for use of own	1	00
"	"	Isaac Michner	Sow Banks Seine License	5	00
"	"	Messrs Shirk & Co	Shurkston Boat License	5	00
"	"	John Letford	Port Dalhousie Dep net	1	00
"	"	John Welch	" " " "	1	00
"	"	Chas Hall	Port Erie Boat License	5	00
"	"	John Kay	" " " "	5	00
June	12	James R Gordon	St Catherins " "	5	00
"	"	David P Knisley	Port Colborne L. for own use	1	00
"	"	Chas Bolton	Niagara Boat License	5	00
"	"	John Bolton	Niagara " "	5	00
"	"	Joseph Masters	Niagara " "	5	00
June	20	Chester A Harris	Port Erie Seine	10	00
July	8	Wm Smith	Burlington Boat License	5	00
"	"	Wm Scott	Ridgeway Boat License	5	00
"	"	Wm Hodgkinson	Grantham St Catherines for use of own fish	1	00

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1889		Licenses issued from the Dept and where made		
Aug	14	J.o John Hughes B. Beach	Gill net License	5-00
"	14.	" Lewis Peer Deseville	one Seine License	5-00
"	14	Robert Brandt B. Beach	one Boat License	5-00
Sept	Sep	~~Lewis Peer~~		
	21	Daniel Megume B B	Boat License	10-00
	"	Mrs B Goulds " "	" "	5-00
Oct	2.	Keith & Mills Niagara	Boat License	5-00
	"	James Cantwell " "	" "	5-00
	"	Peter Hath Port Dalhousie	"	5-00
	"	Patterson Hand Port Dalhousie	"	5-00
	"	William Hand " "	"	5-00
Oct	5	Thos Hand Winona	"	5-00
	"	John Bolton Niagara	Right lines	5-00
		Mrs Jane Elliot Niagara	for 2 Seines	15-00
"	19	Joseph Mercer Winona	Boat License	5-00
"	"	John Hand Grimsby	one Boat License	5-00
"	"	Fred Corey Burlington Beach	Boat License	5-00
		Robert Webster " "	" "	5-00
		Moses Hibbocks " "	" "	4-00
		Wm Pierce Depew	" "	5-00
		David Gilet	Seine License	5-00
	23	Robert Bishop Niagara	for 2 Boats	10-00
	"	Wm & John Mecracken Port Colborne	1 Boat	5-00
Oct		John Hand Beamsville	License for owners	1-00
Nov	21	Robert Book Beamsville	one Boat License	5-00
	"	Richard Gilbert Gordon "	" "	5-00
	"	Charles Jaffe Burlington Beach	one Boat License	5-00
	"	John Jaffe "	one Seine License	5-00
	"	Richard Jaffe "	Boat License	4-00
Nov	22	William Everett Victoria	Seine License	5-00
	"	David Jayson Beamsville	Boat License	5-00
	"	Woodman & Cambell Burlington B	fish for own use	1-00
"	25	Johnathan Corey Burlington Beach	Boat License	5-00
	30	Alex & Chas Boulla "	" "	10-00
	"	George Corey "	" "	5-00

Spearing Licenses for the year 1889 and 1890

1889	date					$	ct.
Nov	14	William Basberry	Flamboro Point			1	00 cts
"	14	M. Basberry	"	"		1	00
"	30	John Hughes	Burlington Beach for confiscated nets			6	00
Dec	12	Philip Safford	Beamsville one Boat License			5	00
Feb (1890)	21	Edward Buscombe	Hamilton Spearing Licens.			1	00
"	"	William Baker	"	"	"	1	00
March	13	John Bamberger	Flamboro Spearing Licen			1	00
April	2	Aldom Kelly	Flamboro	"	" 1	1	00
"	2	Charles Forsyth	"	"	" 2	1	00
"	"	Charles Smith Jones	street Hamilton		3	1	00
3		Robert Paisley	Hamilton		4	1	00
"		Levi Baker	Flamboro		5	1	00
"		John Everett	Milgrove		6	1	00
"		Chas Cummings	"		7	1	00
"		Henery Kelley			8	1	00
"		James Forsyth			9	1	00
		Daniel Paisley	Hamilton		10	1	00
		John Lyons	Waterdown		11	1	00
		Wm Rosse	"		12	1	00
		Albert Lyons	Grenville		13	1	00
4		D A Benkley	Hamilton		14	1	00
"		James Radford	Hamilton		15	1	00
5		G A Bowman	Ancaster		16	1	00
8		James Cochrane	Dundas		17	1	00
10		~~J H Bowman~~	~~Beamsville for one Boat~~ on exact			~~2~~	~~00~~
		Sam Tattredge	Spearing License			1	00
		E Jacobs	"	"		1	00
		Robert A					

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Date when money is recd. for licenses for year 1890

1890	date		$	cts
Jan.	3	Recvd. Chester Wadsworth Iroquois for 2 machine	20	00
"	8	Recvd. from Joseph Gabriel Iroquois for 1 machine	10	00
Feby	12	" " Robert Curtis - B. Beach 1 Boat-licens	5	00
"	26	" " H m. Sheppard Iroquois one seine lic.	10	00
March	5th	Rec. from Robt J. allan Iroquois on last years license	5	00
"	13	Wm. Dealt Ridgeway for 3 Pound net licens	150	00
"	20	Richard Gilbert Jordan for one seine lic	5	00
"	21	David Lybrock Beamsville for one seine lic	6	00
April	1	John Mars Beamsville Boat-license	5	00
"	14	Alex Doughty Fowlkanks one seine license	5	00
"	"	Malcolm Waight St Catherines 3 pr net	1	00
"	18	John Welch Port Dalhousie 3 pr net	1	00
"	21	Chas Niall Port Erie one Boat license	5	00
"	22	Isaac Buchner Low Banks one seine lic	5	00
"	23	H Damm & Jno Culp Beamsville night line and one seine	5	00
May	1st	Chester A Harris Port Erie seine license	10	00
		Nicholas Everett International Bridge Sim le	10	00
"	5	C. R Schatzline Sherkston one Boat license	5	00
	6	George St Paul Niagara Boat license	6	00
"	16	James Telford Pt Dalhousie 3 pr net	1	00
"		Wazie & Phelps Sherkstine Boat license	5	00
"	20	B. Canby Wainfleet a license 4 8-4 yds Re Jesh for use 5-0 yards	1	00
"		Horatio Minor " "	1	00
		George Minor " " 5-0 yds	1	00
	24	George Elliott Jordan one Boat-license	5	00
		" " " Sturgeon lines	3	00
June	3	E Williams B. Beach seine lic Sal Mos	5	00
	4	D J Weaver Pt Colborne seine lic	5	00
	12	Wm Hodgenson St Catharines Boat lic mo-	3	00
	21	Wm H Jeffrie Low Banks Boat-lic for use own	1	00
"		Henry Dodge " " " "	1	00
"		Alex McGregor " " " "	1	00
		Cudruff Burkett " " " "	1	00
		Edward Lee " " "	1	00
			$ 242	00

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1890 Date When moneys received for licenses for year 1890

1890			$	cts
June	21	×Ambrose Pelit-Grimsby fee for own use	1	00
"	27	×James McMullen Niagara Boat-license	5	00
	"	+Joseph Masters " " "	5	00
July	15	+Cyrenus Near Humberstone fee for own use	1	00
Aug.	2	+Lewis Pew Dunville one seine fee	5	00
		+Abram Barrack Two Boats for own use	1	00
"	18	×Thomas Hand Niagara Boat-license	5	00
	20	×Thomas Armstrong 13 Beach Boat-fee for No 4	5	00
Aug.	30	+John Hughes. Burlington Beach for-no	5	00
Sept	5	+Mrs Jane Elliott Niagara one seine	15	00
"	"	+Chas. Currie Niagara Boat-license	5	00
"	5	+Ball Bro " " "	5	00
"	6	×Robert Brandt B Beach for Fishing for No 12	5	00
"	9	×John Ballon & Bro Niagara Boats-license	10	00
	"	×John Ballon & Bro " Sturgeon license	5	00
"	"	×John Benty & Nath Port Dalhousie Boat fee	5	00
"	"	×Patterick Hand " " " "	5	00
"	10	×Wm Hand " " one Jug	20	00
"	11	×Wm Hodgenson St Catherines Balance fee	2	00
"	12	×Wm Merlin Port Maitland Jug license	25	00
"	"	×Chas Ross " " Boat-license	5	00
"	15	×Ed Holmwood B. Beach for fishing Set 14	5	00
"	22	×John Hand. Grimsby Boat license	5	00
"	22	×Robert Boak Beamsville Boat-license	5	00
"	23	×Ball & Omeara Niagara Boat license	5	00
"	"	×Mills & Keith " " "	5	00
"	"	×Mills & Mann " " "	5	00
"	"	×Paterson & Clench " " "	5	00
"	26	×Freeman Greene Dunville " "	5	00
"	29	×Daniel McGuire B. Beach Boat fee for	10	00
"		×John Hazzard B Beach fee for Set	5	00
	30	×Philip Stafford Clinton Boat license	5	00
"		×E. B Gilbert Jordan " "	5	00
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Dates when licenses were mailed & delivered

Date					
Dec	8.	Chester Wadsworth	Dunston	2 machine	20 00
		Joseph Gabarel	"	1. "	10 00
March	15	Wm Rasberry	Flamboro	Spearing license	1 00
	"	Jr Rasberry	"	" "	1 00
	"	John Bamberger	"	" "	1 00
March	21	Wm Scott	Ridgeway	Pound net license	150 00
"	"	Henery M Sheppard	Dunnston	one seine do	10 00
"	"	Jr E Buscomb	Dunnellin	one Spearing do	1 00
"	"	Wm Baker	"	" "	1 00
"	28	Robt Curtis	one Boat license	Burlington	5 00
April	5	Richard Gilbert	Beamsville	Seine license	5 00
"	"	David Frybuck	Jordon	" "	5 00
April	21	Alex John Mars	Beamsville	Boat do	5 00
"	"	Robert Paisley	Spearing	license	1 00
"	"	John Cummings	Milgrove		1 00
"	"	John Everett	Milgrove		1 00
"	"	L A Bowman	Ancaster	"	1 00
"	"	Albert Lyons	Greenville	"	1 00
"	"	Wm Rourke	Waterdown		1 00
"	"	Chas Smith	Hamilton		1 00
"	"	Jno Baker	Waterdown		1 00
"	"	James Forsyth	Ancaster		1 00
"	"	Daniel Paisley	Dundas		1 00
"	"	Chas Forsyth	—		1 00
"	"	Adam Kelly			1 00
"	"	Henery Kelly			1 00
"	"	James Radford			1 00
"	"	L A Binkley			1 00
May	14	John Welch	Port Dalhousie	one Dip net	1 00
"	"	Joseph Cathcart	Dundas	Spearing do	1 00
"	"	Malcolm Wright	St Catherines	one Dip net	1 00
"	"	Alex Dougher	Stromness	Seine license	5 00
"	"	Nicholas Everett	Inter. Bridge	one Seine do	10 00
"	"	Chester A Harris	Port Erie	one Seine license	10 00
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May	14	J B Shetzlene Sherkestone Boat license	5	00
	24	Isaac Mechener Two Bank Seine license	5	00
	"	Chas Veall Port Erie Boat License	5	00
		& J. H Seamns J. H Culp Bamoville night lines license	5	00
	27	George Niagara		
June	19	George St Paul one Boat License	5	00
	"	W & Canby Mountfleet license for one net	1	00
	"	George Minor " " "	1	00
	"	Horatio Minor ..	1	00
	"	Phelps & Swayze Port Colborne B license	5	00
	"	James Lelford Pt Dalhousie Seine net	1	00
	"	George Elliott Jordan Boat license	5	00
	"	E Williams Burlington Beach Seine	5	00
July	2	Wm H Ferris Two Banks fish for own use	1	00
	"	Alex Mcgregor Two Banks	1	00
		Edward Lee Two Banks	1	00
		S J Weever Pt Colborne 1 one Boat lic	5	00
		Henry Dolze Two Banks ~~Two~~ B	1	00
		Andrew Berkett Two Banks	1	00
		Ambrose Petit Gremsby own use	1	00
		James McMillen Niagara Boat lic	5	00
		Jos Masters Niagara Boat lic	5	00
August	15	Lewis Pew Dunville one seine lic	5	00
	"	Alvan Barrack Two Banks license for own use	1	00
	"	Cyrenus Neer Pt Colborne " "	1	00
Sept	5	Mrs Jane Elliott Niagara seine	15	00
"	"	Chas Currie Niagara Boat license	5	00
"	6	~~Ball Barthu " " "

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Date when license was Delivered or mailed

1890			$	cts
Feb	3	Jr Chester Wadsworth Queenston for 2 machines	20	00
"	3	Joseph Gabriel " " 1 "	10	00
Sept	26	Thomas Hand Wrong Boat License	5	00
	29	John Hughes B. Beach Boat License	5	00
	26	Nath & Benty Port Dalhousie " "	5	00
	29	Robert Braddt B. Beach " "	5	00
	29	Thos. Armstrong " " "	5	00
	26	Peterchs Hand Port Dalhousie " "	5	00
	25	Freeman Freere Dunville " "	5	00
sept	23	Mills & Mowen St Niagara " "	5	00
	"	Paterson & Clench " "	5	00
	"	Mills & Keith " "	5	00
	"	Ball & Omeda " "	5	00
Oct	1st	Wm Hodgenson St Catherines Boat license	5	00
"	"	Ed Holmwood B Beach Lot no 14.	5	00
"	4	Robert Boak Beamsville Boat License	5	00
"	9	John Hand Grimsby " "	5	00
"	"	John Bollen Niagara 3 license	15	00
"	"	Albert Ball " " 1 "	5	00
"	11	Samuel Megwire Bur. Beach license for Lot no	10	00
"	"	John Haycal " " Lot "	5	00
"	"	Philip Duffard Beamsville Boat lic	5	00
"	"	Aaron Culp " "	5	00
"	"	Edward B Gilbert Jordon " "	5	00
"	"	Wm Everett International Bridge "	5	00

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1890 Date when monies received for licenses for year 1890

1890	date		$	cts
Oct	1	Aaron Gubb Beemsville Boat license	5	00
"	"	Wm Everett International Bridge license	5	00
"	8	J. S Jones Port Maitland Boat lic	5	00

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STATISTICS

Statistics for the year 1886 Burling Beach and Port Credit & Brant the Total Amt is $21627,5
Grand river to the Black Creek Niagara river $ 4260,1
from Queenston Niagara river to Vernona Amt 12949.10
$38866.6

Statistics for the year 1887 No 1 from Brant House to Port Dalhousie the Amt is 14044.1
No 2 from Poplar Grove south of Port Erie to Port Maitland Grand river the Amt is $46278
From Brant House to Port Dalhousie east of Bins to old Port Erie Niagara river the Amt 115-43.6
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Fishermen go to Keep la Bastard fishing grounds each ! also ! la fishermen, of Collingwood and Georgian Bay, leave the grounds about the 1st of September in each year, and they do not return there again until about the 1st of May following, when they commence fishing there again. -

The Americans and two Collingwood fishermen, with 2,- Boats and gill nets, are at present fishing at the Bastards, in the waters of Georgian Bay. -

Collingwood, Ont.
9th September 1887.

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Newton Co. —

Dr. Sir — 21 Feb 1862 —

I have the honor to request that H.E. Minister of Copenhagen, Sweden &c. &c. may please during this night give Mr. Seward the necessary instructions for granting to Mr. Simon Peter Simonsen of Copenhagen a passport to enable him to proceed to Washington.

I recommend that you will endeavour to expedite the grant. suggest the necessary changes. — Have the honor to remain &c. &c. — Sept. Gen. Schleiden. —

I have the honor to be &c. —

Sir —

Your Obedient Servant. —

Schleiden —

Envoy Extr. —

The Deputy Minister —
Department of Finance. —
Ottawa Sir. —



Copy.-

Mr. William Alexander Clark, of Collingwood, Fisherman, and Fish dealer, goes in for protection of the fish in Georgian Bay, so that it may continue to be a benefit to the Georgian Bay, and Canadian fishermen in general.

Mr. Clark states that the "close season" needs to be regulated so as to come on earlier in the season by 10 or 15 days, and to continue up to the end of November, in each year.--

The present "close season" law, is no protection for Trout, and very little for white fish, in the Georgian Bay, and for many 100 miles, along the north shore of Georgian Bay, and Lake Superior, they spawn 5 days earlier, on an average.- Mr. Clark,- says! See Mr. John Ellis of Toronto, and ascertain from him what quantity of fish nets, the Hunters, first season bought from him this season, and the description of each gill net.--

Mr. Clark, it appears to the American fishery in Georgian Bay - a place from which they have been kept out of, until this year.- And the reason is, that at present it has been, and is being over fished by Native Canadians, as witness the fleet of fishing boats at present in Collingwood Harbour, and all over the Bay.-

Half of the fishing boats, this year fishing in Georgian Bay, notwithstanding have not done enough to carry them over the next winter, owing to the scarcity of fish,- and by over-fishing, whilst the returns of the fishermen, have only made at an average! a poor fishing.--- Next season, many fishermen will not be able to lay out, except by getting help?"—

[illegible] many times they have promised to give
good - value then ever when they got the Papers
but without any intention being ever whether -
Mr Clark considers as complete with the Co
Contract during previous years -
Mr Clark states: That Members of the
Gold Fields Co. Limited are not liable for the
Gold Fields Royalty the Co. have entered in the
Year off Receipts - K. -
Mr Clark states: the Miners, if one Member
does refuse to go in the Lease there are Many -
more out there - one gets with - you to get for
them! In Mr. Clark - if they do not accept the
prices they offer to pay for Gold. -
Mr Clark says: he left the Partnership of
Hall and Cuttery one month after the engage-
ment was entered into! - - Hall: in a man-
ner he will hold on, until the year expires. -
Collingwood, Vict. Taken by me this
3. September 1887. - 6 day -
John Wilkinson J.P. -

Copy.- Enquiries !!!-

William Alexander Clark of Collingwood, Fish dealer, and Fisherman.-

States to me especially that: About the granting of Lease of Cyprus Island,- by the Indian Department to Jas & J. Noble and to Wm Alexander Clark.- Clark has a Lease at the time of a portion of Cyprus Island,- in the first place, with the privilege of building a Dock,- hauling and curing fish - and building shanties for the fishermen; and for which he paid $50.00 a year, to the Indian Department.--

On a trip up the Lake, Georgian Bay,- on a Steamer to Killarney - he fell in with Phipps - the Indian Agent at Manitowaning, who told him in conversation that James Clark of Wiarton, had written him and applied for Lease Cyprus Island,- or a portion thereof. Mr Alex. Clark states, on the arrival of the Steamer at Killarney- I reported the conversation I had with Mr Phipps,- to J and J. Noble,- who said they would never do, we must stop it.-- After which, in order to do so,- I came back to Collingwood,- saw our friends there, told them what Mr Phipps said - and we came through them in getting a lease of the whole Island, Cyprus Island.--

James Clarke of Wiarton,- had offered $200 for you for it.-- But he came to J. and J. Noble; and Alexander Clark,- Clark states: Dalton McCarthy, Esq. M.P.- wanted them to give $225.00 a year, and he would get it for them: which was done, and they secured it.- Mr Clark (Wm Alex.) says it is

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a big rent, and he thinks so, and he wishes he had his money back and was paid for his improvements on Lyons Island.—

Note in the same petn of 1876 the Petrs Mr Clark — being on provincial Island, Lake Huron — & he met Petrs and the rest of people of Lake Jesse Country. & M. Petrs Letters of August & 8 who this Li

The evils he in Lyons Island next year, by doing which the Petrs Indian Agent says they would knock him out of the fishing wood fishermen, out of the Buffalo Market, upon which they depend entirely for the sale of the fish. The Agent says: now this be just a final step to this thing in future, the Fishis Department, Ottawa; should take this matter in hand, issue Boat Licenses in Spring to each and every fisherman, and stop Jews Hooks and Bag-nets of Western, on this grounds &c. &c, by specifying in each license the limits within which each fisherman shall fish in the waters of Georgian Bay, — so as to avoid trespassing on certain fishing grounds there of certain persons of the year, which has been the case the present year, thus damaging and injuring each other, fishing too many gill nets, and by more, each year, causing unnecessary damage to their nets, besides injuring the fishing grounds by overcrowding with too much gill nets, annihilating the fish. — — —

The Clark states: on one day last summer in front of the Petrs — in fishing up, there could not be less than 40 gill nets, lying on each other, one above the other. — —

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Mr. William Alexander Clark,- states when the Lease to James & Noble was to him was entered against of Lyon Island by the fishermen of Collingwood ; he told them my Dock, my Ice House, and Shanties were all there - and you are off 1.000, and I will walk out, - it was a few girls, - who tried to make capital out of it, and illegally jailed. -

Mr. Clark, states Charles Noble and James Noble are the instigators - in making a change in the present "Close Season" in Georgian Bay. They are the only ones, and if the "Close season" is not kept now as it is - and strictly enforced in five years, our fish in Georgian Bay - will be things of the past. - - -

Collingwood, Ont. - Taken & sworn this day, - 9th October 1912. } Wm. A. Clark. Esq.

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Wm. Clark, Esq. further says : that of eight fishermen named in Collingwood who have taken out Licenses to fish in the Close Season in Georgian Bay - up to the 1st of November 1912 - Seven only have taken out Licenses, - the eighth one - Mr. Robert Collins - Fisherman, Collingwood, Ont. - has refused to take out a License, - and has been fishing all the season - and is still fishing - and has been warned by the Fishery Officers - and by myself - that he is liable to be prosecuted - and fined - for fishing in the Close Season - and has been told so - but he still continues to fish - and refuses to take out a License. -

Taken & sworn this 11th day of November 1912. } Wm. A. Clark. Esq.

Copy!— No 21

Robert Nelson, of Penetanguishene, Yeoman, Notice to Quit at Upper Canada, — Serjeant by during this present session, and for the last seven years to the Jurors that are ought Quit.. —

Had an old Dock, on Fryar Island," and two Years... Last Spring a new Dock was built there, on the order of the Warden by myself Robert Nelson, his Worship, Wm: Dempsey, Francis Nelson, 10th Jurors and William Perry of Penetanguishene, Yeomen, at a cost of about £450.00 for Dock and the Jurors, included. ---

The Nelsons, and Dock, have not disagreed with them (the Jurors) this year, except in wanting them to pay a share of the Lease of Fryar Island, which they got from the Indian Department from the fall of 1825, to November next, which is an amount £450.00 ... -

In the Spring of 1828. myself and the Jurors, already named, agreed to pay the rent of Fryar Island to the Indian Department, if the Nelsons and Dock allowed them to build a Dock, but this they refused for to do. -

The Nelsons and Dock, has a Writ issued on them for Trespass, to appear at the Court, Sault St. Marie. .. We did not appear, and defend the suits.. But we paid the cost of the Court £16.00 in all, I paid my share £8.00. Last the last part of the Fishing season of 1826, by the said Nelsons, Dock, and their Servants.

The Nelsons, and Dock, wants the Indians, Henry Dempsey, Nelsons, Francis, Nelsons, John Nelsons, and Wm: Nelsons, to pay an equal share of the Rent from the beginning to the Indian Department, which we dont consider fair, being that

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we already paid $116.00.- out of court in the suit. But we are willing to pay for this present year, an equal share, because we have not been annoyed in any manner by either the Nobles or Clark. We will pay as much of the Lease of Squaw Island,- as they do, for this present year, although they have more boats than we have.... The reason the suit was brought against me, my brother Robert Garland, they say, that we kept off selling the Nobles and Clark our fish; and commenced for to sale to James Clark and boys of Thurlow; at an advanced price.--

The Nobles and Roy Clark, wanted to monopolize the whole thing, and they would have succeeded in having that way only for us.---

A year ago last May; during the summer of 1885.- the Nobles refused to take all my fish- part.- taking only a few fish at a time, sometimes they would take none of my fish at all.- so that I was forced other fishermen last in summer to sell them over, and hand them up, which depreciated their value.- lowering prices in the fish markets.- But the Nobles and Roy Clark managed to get more fish, than they wanted for fishing- they have rigged out, with new boats and new gill nets,- for to fish for them.... Those fishermen being in their debt, have to pay up in fish.... In the fall of 1884, I fished for 2. months in Lake Huron, on my own boat, I sailed in a Mackinaw- when the Nobles asked him to give them a share next spring. I told them I would.-- According to this agreement in the spring of 1885. anything was mentioned I kept that to myself, as for fish, the Nobles had, but they would not take his fish, he owed the

Sentinel.—

nothing; and they would only buy fish from the fishermen who were there.— That in consequence he sold the fish over 10 packages that year.—

And it was in consequence of this refusal, unjustified by Sentinel, that we received, that we sought out another buyer in the person of James Banks, and buy of them.— And to him we his partners, have sold our fish during the years 1886, and 1887.

And our dealings being at arms length have proved very satisfactory to us.— And I believe to them and the Americans.— That during the past season, there was fishing in the same grounds, that the Americans are fishing in.—

The Boys, and party that took from Byers Schr.r fishing was 100 nets of gill nets— besides the Americans big boats; and we took this, that season the fish, was a boat belonging to Capt. of the Lauzon.— Southampton.— he use 12. boats fishing—

There the Americans, the Agency boat, is 10 miles, there are 12 boats fishing at an average 10 to 12, yards of gill nets each boat.—

18 miles, further down there are 10 boats and an average of 10000 yards of gill nets.—

On Shark Island there are 6 boats fishing.

On Pt. au Large Island there are 7 or 8 boats fishing.— Baker Island, about; I do not say this, so that you may judge this part of Georgian Bay,— as now being occupied, the many yards of gill nets.

It is also fishing grounds Baker says: fishing on the Manitoulin Georgian Bay— and were kept, and for four fish yards and often the fish yards being counted in the list of

Cochimes. –

Lynn Island. –

Market Harbour, – Shall the present Tide answer? – for Boat and Pilot; is about high, if it is only expected, say: for the 5th the last day of November. –

Market Harbour, Water, Kitchenside – Pilots are great Pickers; and that between Us, – and Us. – Use of Pilot now skipper for Kitchenside and Lynn Island"; – but you within four months. – Use you that are not so many. –

Market Harbour is twelve shots; he sought 14.000, Pilot this year, and 17.000, Pilot last year; Pilots 27 Boats, – 600 yards in each pilot not; Total 16.200 yards altogether. –

Hollingwood, Oct. – Written by me this day 18. September 1827. – Phillips &c. –

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Robert McElinney.- of Killarney.- Fishing boy,- continues his testimony, and states: Kitchen Boats,- and Mr Alexander Clark.- Esq.- Welcome.- Fished for the said Clark,- fish dealer.- of Collingwood,- at Squaw Island. Georgian Bay.- He knows,- flying up and down Georgian Bay,- calling at Squaw Island,"- took all the fish from them: landing them at Windsor,- Owen Sound and Collingwood, to be forwarded to the Buffalo Market. U. S.- and fish dealers there, and to the Towns and City.- fish dealers- of Canada; by the Railways. from these three Ports.-

The following are the Names of the fishermen, who fished for Wm Alexander Clark of Collingwood, during this current year of 1887.-

1. Alexander Fisher.- 2. Norman Saunders,-
3. Alexander McIntyre.- 4. Robert Stinson.-
5. John MacInnes.- 6. Mc Kee.-
7. John Ferguson.- 8. Sam: Carson.- Esq Clerk
9. Sam: Carson.- Boat.- 10. John Johnson.-
11. John McKay.- 12. William Bishop.-
13.- Joseph de Cullo.- 14.- Mathew Wallace.-

Robert McElinney. states: That fishermen will fishing Boats,- and give notes to the extent of 12,- boats, resident at Killarney.- are not able to live over the approaching winter, until next spring. their catch of fish so far during this present season, being so small, as compared to previous years.-

The consequence is,- I am told.- will have to support these men and their families, when their previous run out! and next spring they have them again. for the fish at this port rotted on shore!!!. last week has been the worst of any in, both by Wm Alexander Clark, and Jas G. Noble.- for years; as stated to me this day.- by Robt McElinney

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Robert McKinney— says: I left Squaw Island, in May last, and I went to fish at French River, because the price paid by J. and C. Noble was low, and because I could do better at French River, by selling to David Lincoln— Jerauld there, for S. H. Davis and Co.— of Detroit U. S.— at 8 ℔. per fish.—

Robert Bishop and James Gauley— of Collingwood, left Squaw island with me for French River,— for the same reason.——

McKinney, says: After I had gone to French River, was fishing there, and selling my fish to Davis Lincoln, at the Rustards— for S. H. Davis and Co.— Charles Noble, came after me, and said come back to Squaw Island.. I will pay you 8 ℔. per fish; but will not charge it on the books— so that my assistant, as Charles Noble stated to me would only get 7 ℔. per fish... I remonstrated and would not stand this telling Charles Noble— at the same time; my men must be on the same footing, and get his proportion also, and price for the fish, that I did... However, I would not go back to fish any more at Squaw Island, this season...

While Charles Noble,— was talking to me, the young Fred: Lincoln— brother came along and said Bob: I will pay you 8 ℔. cash for your fish, the same as the buyer..

Kilkenny, Ont.—
17th September 1887. }

Taken by me this 19th day of October A.D.—

J. P.

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Messrs: Jno. L. O. Sewell Esqr.
Victoria Vancouver Island.
My dear Sirs! Olympia! Oct.
I enquire by go me see Jas. Clark at Victoria. get his evidence of Lyons Island. It appears from what I have learnt! That Clark of Victoria, - appears Phipps - the Indian Agent at Nanaimowing $200 - for Lease of Lyons Island. The Natives having this from Alex: Clark. Instigated by this way the Killamoy - were informed such was the case. by Phipps.
Jas. Clark. this must be Phipps at once: when off Alex: Clark and one of the Natives - produce from Victoria the Instigators. - one this gift the Lyons. Clarke of Jno. H. and the court and Messrs Dallas & Charles, also informed Alex: Clark and Natives. Jno. Hope $200. for Lyons Island. Jas. Douglas get to for you. -

I have Alex: Clark's testimony Principal. To this appeal: one now I think the get James Clark's testimony of this, I have applied not thinking the most Clark - at Victoria one that the to have the way! one Indignant Gentlemen, who guides at Lyons is. And this you one not you other their Gail the James Clark, who and the Alex for the Lyons Island. -
I have objection, and there 25 pages of evidence. - And I have at least the ship stopping - more evidence. the with off this. - I have given nothing Gail to you the left the Natives - and Dallas particularly. the evidence = the more! - James Lyons - and all with I believe to be the ground. - I write the only duty you may duty upon me; one may thing I may not write with the knowledge and by Gail! one Gail to you one more the Indian things. -

After I see Clerks of Counties, I may have to go back again to Collingwood, all depends upon what he will tell me.

Otter Creek - has gone to Lake Superior: to examine it. - It is a Lake 100 miles long - averaging 40 miles wide. between L. Killarney - tells me the Local Government - Toronto claims this Lake - as under their Jurisdiction. - Don't let it go from the Dominion of Canada! -

I saw Mr. Clerk - the night he left Collingwood - on the Company for Arthur. - I suppose him by now he has spoken his mind freely out. -

I saw - Toronto today and I saw Duncan W. Clark - another friend of ours - he came home on last saturday from Thunder Bay, British Columbia - he has 40 Men of us there - and has applied through Mr. Allan - of the Hudson Bay Co

to

Manager the Grist for and retail business, I recommend him to your favourable consideration. -

I also know John L'Estrange - of the City - of Toronto who furnishes D. St. Depot - of Detroit - with gilt note. - Fine Lunch at Thunder Bay Lake 160, worth of gilt note - from Lake during the summer and heavily - I saw the Note - in the Bank House - in Proper - mounted - ready for filling - when at Thunder Bay - heavily - they were all O.K. -

My Name is engraved 3 on first 219 pounds weight - one weight about each pole - on the pass - we are small thick - there is any thing the matter with me. - With my kindest regards. -

Yours respectfully -

Toronto Ont. -
29. Sept. 1887 -

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Copy.— No: 9.

Charles Noble, of Killarney,— and Collingwood,— Fish Dealer, stated to me this day,— that Dalton McCarthy Esq. M.P.— promised to get a man,— to come to Killarney,— by order of the Fisheries Department, Ottawa,— and see the Lake premises— in Georgian Bay,— they had applied for, for a term of ten years,— that it is no monopoly as Jos Fry two Boats,— from Killarney and Collingwood; fished from Lyons Island during this present year; and who would fish there, within said limits where the Lease was granted: that all the owners of the boats — would enjoy equal rights,— and they would protect it, from outsiders, and save the Fisheries department, all further trouble.— I told Charles Noble, I was sent by the Fisheries Department, for the purpose he referred to; Charles Noble then said he felt regret that this Tug was away fishing — or he would take me on the fishing grounds, and he said they had sent a plan of it, to the Department.— Ottawa.—

I told Charles Noble then, that I had a Sketch of the fishing grounds, and Copies of the documents that were sent to the Fisheries department,— respecting these new fishing grounds as laid off in the sketch.—

Charles Noble, then told me the New Lease— was applied for, in the name of James Noble,— Alley Clark, Wm Alley; Clark, Jr. William Storey, and Herbert Cleland.—

But it was understood—— that the forty two fishermen therein,— would pay equal shares, which would amount to eight dollars per boat all round, per year.— Charles Noble, stated the four fishermen and fish dealers, above named to collect the license fees annually, and send them to the Fisheries Department, Ottawa.— The four persons just named to be managers, for, and in behalf of themselves, and the Fishermen, and the Fisheries department, Ottawa.

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Something to be settled satisfactory for all Parties.- Charles Noble, informs me that the Law suit brought in, J. Noble, and Wm Alexander Clark, against the fishermen. for trespassing on their leased property of Lyons Island,- who were put in for $400.00 p. damages has been settled by not enforcing the damages.... The defendants in this case, Charles Noble states paid Costs of Court $116.00 p. and the the case was allowed to drop altogether....

The Lyons Island, business, was settled last spring satisfactorily to all concerned.....

We: Charles Noble, James Noble, and Wm Alexander Clark,- paid $450.00 p. Lease money,- for Lyons Island, to the Indian Department; and this will soon be $112.50 p. due, half a years rent for Lyons Island again, this year...

The fishermen,- defendants in the late suit, are also other fishermen,- Charles Noble says; are willing to pay their proportion of the Lease for Lyons Island, but they are waiting for to have the matter settled regarding the leasing of the waters of Georgian Bay,- fronting on Killarney, and off bay miles below French River - mouth,- and to Cedar point, seven chains, Manitoulin Island..

Charles Noble, says: the Dalton property,- having promise to do all he could in getting said Lease for them for Ten years: or the Lease to be for Five years, would be satisfactory instead of Ten years.... Charles Noble, says: we are opposed to the Americans fishing at French River,- there being a surplus of Boats and gill nets of our own Canadian fishermen,- fishing in Georgian Bay already..

If they were not here - we: J. and C. Noble, and Wm Alex: Clark, could use our gill nets better

Anthimus! –

L. St. Davis, the owner of the Anthimus was also given a large fish order at Detroit, U.S. – one Charles Noble says: we sold fish to him last year. – –

This year, L. St. Davis, – would not buy a fish from either him or his brother, nor from Clark Clark. –

Charles Noble, – further says, – Wm. Alex. Clark, has gone to Lake Nepicon. – It is a Lake 100 miles long, with an average of 60 miles wide. – –

Charles Noble says: we can afford to pay the Fishermen 6/a ℔. – for fish next year, and we mean to do so! – Charles Noble, continued! and asked for a reduction of at least 15 days, – in "Close Season" for White fish, and Lakes Trout; next November. – –

And on enquiring Charles Noble, that I was running with the limits of the large Lease of Georgian Bay, applied for – as per sketch, – having sailed over a portion of it on the 15th instant, in coming to Killarney – in the Canoe Steamer, from which I viewed all the Georgian Bay around. –

And that having sailed down on the same afternoon, to French River! and back again on the 16th instant to Killarney, – with Robt. Killarney in his fishing boat I had a good opportunity of seeing and observing the greater part of that portion of Georgian Bay, as applied for, and had a personal knowledge of all the limits within the sketch asked for under Lease having sailed over it before. – And Charles Noble, said I might add more of Georgian Bay, to that portion already mapped by extending the Lease applied for, further down the Lake. –

Killarney, – Ont. –
17th September 1887. –

Taken by me this day. –
John Wilkes – P.O. –

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Copy.— No. 10.

Duncan Cameron of Killarney,— Trader &c.. states, that — on or about the 10th day last a Mr. McLean, whom he has since found out since to be Mr. Malcolm McLean, who has been fishing in the public waters of Georgian Bay, fronting on the Bustard Islands ... At that meeting Mr. McLean made enquiry about fishing in Georgian Bay, stating that was the purpose for which he called on Mr. Cameron, that he intended to commence fishing, and that he wished to comply with the Law, and wanted to know from him to whom he would apply for a license for to fish during the current year, in the vicinity of Shawk Lake, Georgian Bay.—

Cameron says: he asked him if he was a British subject, his reply was in the affirmative.—

That his father was the first settler in the Township of Nowash. That he was living making his living by fishing.— That his Solicitor James of Parry Sound as Crown of fisheries; had charge of the Division in which Shawk Lake fisheries of the Georgian Bay,— were situated, and as he had the charge of that division; he had better go and apply to him for a license.— Mr. McLean said he would do so.— Then the written receipt of the said James, which Mr. Cameron says he received a copy of afterwards by the 10th day September, specifying the payment to said Solomon James, of the sum of Fifteen dollars,— for a license to fish the Lake in Georgian Bay.— he is quite certain that Mr. McLean went to Parry Sound as he remains and instructed him to do, and paid for the said license.

The Receipt says that

Shawk Lake, May 18th 1887.—

Received from Duncan Cameron Esqr. the

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sum of Fifteen dollars, for Malcolm McLean, for three fishing licences to fish within the limits of my division, for the year of 1887.--

Signed - S. James .. C.O.-

On this occasion! Mr Cameron says: It is necessary. I should state that Mr McLean, was on his way to Parry Sound; and Overseer James was on his way to French River, and they missed one another.-

After Mr McLean had called on Mr Dan: Cameron at Killarney - he Cameron received a telegram from Jo Tilton. Deputy Minister of Fisheries. Ottawa:- thus: Received said telegram on 19 day May 1887. by which was dated at Collingwood, 18th May: It reads as follows:-

"Davis of Detroit reported fishing at Customs Islands - he has no licence; seize nets and fish, and report fact"-

Mr Cameron: States. I answered the Telegram. thus:

Killarney. - Ont. 19. May 1887.-

To Jo. Tilton Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Ottawa. Ont. - Entered at Customs here.-

1. M: McLean. 3. fishing boats.-

2. Frederick Lincoln. - 3. fishing boats and 28 Nets.--

3. John McKinnon. 28 Nets.-

Claims to be Canadians.-- from the Customs Islands or French River.- Nearly all Canadians - for Davis of Detroit.- If you take them nets and fish he is sure the fish must be sold the same way to speak.-

Signed - D. Cameron.-

. Telegram sent to Telegram Operator. Signed which was: Please send the above message, collect. - Signed. D. C.-

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Reply :-

Mr. D. Cameron ; Received on 26. May 1887.- dated at Collingwood, on the 23rd of May 1887.- reads as follows :-

"If parties named cannot produce licence and are found in the act of fishing, you can confiscate ale tackle and fish in the nets."-

Under Sub section 4, of section 16,- Fisheries Act.

Signed :- John Tilton.-

Deputy Minister of Fisheries

On the 30th of May, 1887.- Mr. Cameron says :- not being able to get a crew, for to go down the French River, and the Bustard Islands,- as a fishing boat, and seeing out the Deputy Ministers orders,- hired the Tug.- "Grace Darling"- then at Lyons Island, and ran down and got three men named ; distance from Killarney to French River, and the Bustard Islands,- 80 miles.-

Mr. Cameron, states- on my arrival at French River, and the Bustard Islands,- finding matters- as the foregoing receipts, Telegraphs, &c. specify,- and on enquiry found,- nothing belonging to D. McInnis, of Killarney, and knowing that Lively and all the crew, had gone down the Bustard Islands,- and on their arrival at French River was shown Receipts for Licenses given for the fish within Canoe Lakes from Division of Georgian Bay.- Mr. Cameron says : I found nothing properly qualified to enforce, nor did not possess powers, such proceedings for Officers, unless ; which he has never got.-

It was while Mr. Cameron was at French River, he was informed that he got copies of receipts for the licenses money ; given, for which he was shown receipts for money paid for licenses.-

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Copies of which he has already forwarded to the Fisheries Department, Ottawa.--

Mr. Cameron, crosby, tells me it was Charles Noble, who entered the case against the Gardners, and went to the Court at the last Assizes, and brought in the suit against William Long, and boy,- of Collingwood,- Jackson,- and put them in for costs of Court $110.00 - and damages $400.00 - - Mr. Cameron says: The intended Line on the north shore of Georgian Bay, goes about two miles below the mouth of Key River,- and the Christian Islands, and on the west side or shore of Georgian Bay: the extension of the district into Counties of Simcoe Muskoka, north west side of how Channel. -

Killarney, Ont;
27. September, 1887.

Taken by me this day.
J. Hinchcliffe.
J.P.

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Copy— No. 11—

Robert Noble, of Ketchikan; been in the
fishing in Georgian Bay,- fishing on Trout River,
during this present year; was sole his fish to
David Lincoln, at Trout River; foreman then,
for S. H. Davis, of Detroit, U. S. A.--

Fished in the early part of this season at
Lyons Island.-- Was sold his fish while there,
to James B. Noble, of Killarney,- they: when he
first arrived there, about the 6th of May last.--
States that he came in to Lyons Island,- after
fishing up, with 850,- fish,- and was robbed
of 130,- fish, by the Nobles.-- He then went for
other waters more secure, and went from Lyons
Island, to Trout River; with Bob McInerney,
and Sandy James Gauley,- and commenced
fishing for the American firm,- at the Mustard
Islands:- Worked for J. and C. Noble, one a-
the month, when they paid him off with 6¢
per fish, whilst others were paid a higher price,
and between the cutting and the price no
fishermen could live at the mercy of such
men,- and so he was forced to leave Lyons
Island.-- When he arrived at Trout River, he
got 8¢ a piece for his fish,- and a boat took
them from the Mustards,- in to the Government
dep in Trout River.--

After he had fished there for some time,
Charles Noble, came there to live at Trout River,
and said come back,- and He pay you as
much as you are getting now but,- we do
will be no more selling,- and we will keep
our boats,- so that no one will have any
thing about it.- Would not go back, because
he had no confidence in Chas Noble.

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Extract -

Fishing in Georgian Bay, starting on the Eastern Islands, for the Season of the season up to the 15th September, when he will go his home at Collingwood -

Sole his fish to Davis Lewis, for the City of Detroit, U.S. - one very thing was satisfactory - Robert Bishop, says - no dealing me - let every Fisherman enjoy the privilege of fishing under a Boat license on his own account, direct from the Fisheries Department Ottawa, through the proper officer, who will deliver the license and collect the license fee -

The Close season? he remains as it is -

And Robert Bishop, says - The Boys fishing on Georgian Bay - took large quantities of fish nets, - should pay more license fees, than skiffs - or fishing boats -

Knows that he fishes 5,000 yards of gill nets, in his boat, - He caught 15,000 - fish, only fish one Boat - - The others paid him 4½ per fish, for 4000 fish - that he received 3½ per fish, from the Americans for the balance 11,000 - fish - - -

Collingwood Ont
17th September 1892

Taken by me this day
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Copy. No. 12

Benjamin Dupuy, of Bridgeton, Fisherman, says he fished at Egg Island, in Georgia Bay, during this current season, and sold his fish to James Clarke, of Windsor, for $4.- per fish which at Egg Island.---

One of the Defendants in the Law suit brought by the Chiefs and Band,- for trespassing "Egg Island"- during the summer of 1886.- paid the Plaintiffs costs of Court in the suit.-- Fished 27 nets, during this current year, 600 yards in each gill net.- Total 16.200 yards.-

Caught 12.000.- fish, and sold all to James Clarke of Windsor, who sent his Boy after them to Egg Island,- and took them away therefrom.--

Considers "Clear season"- too long.-- Has always had his fishing in "Clear season"-.- Has 4¾". 4½"- and 5"- inch mesh, gill nets,- One fishes them in Georgia Bay.- off Egg Island,- during this current year.- Do not fishing at present.-

Collingwood, Ont.- Taken by me this day.-
19. September 1887.- [illegible] J.P.

Entire! — No 19.

Charles Nolen, states to me that all entries made for
year for each fisherman & boat were made the
time it practice, including the payment of the
by Lyon Nolen, by the Lessee, one & Nolen
Nolen Nolen Nolen, to the Lessee Superintendent
made by Hoop, counter for Nolen
Nolen Nolen Nolen by me this
9 September 1919. Nolen

No 19.

Depos:- Complainant.-

Depose Montgomery of Collingwood- ab 45 yrs
old Carp. keeps a Hotel Collingwood- This
Parties are Petitioners in Equity &c.-

Mr Montgomery states Mr Carp. built 245 Chains of
fish the Defendant Mr L. upon the 1st of 25 Chains of fish
in Consideration Mr Montgomery states Mr Carp fished
during the second year from on Nares his Cty abt.
Chains 80 yards. Late in the Season 60 yards. during
during the rest of the season. Each Net contains
600 yards. The Season for fishing ends at Lyons
Island. Killarney and French River; between the
15th and the 10th of September in each year. when the
fishermen Montgomery states return home to Collingwood, and dont fish on these grounds again until
the commencement of the following May next succeeding year.- Mr Montgomery. like his employer
is against the issuing of all further Leases in the
waters of Georgian Bay.- Mr Montgomery's language
is explicit "he says; Stop, and prevent all persons
applying for future Leases. for the fish in the waters
of Georgian Bay."- Mr Montgomery- says: I have
got a chart, giving a description of a portion of
Georgian Bay.- He has not spent for it. I cannot
tell a letter of protest against issuing the Leases
except by reading it- I go more the St. from Collingwood
Mr Montgomery letter which is annexed marked
A. Dont you sanction any Leases for the fishers?-
Collingwood Sept
19 September 1879.-

Taken by me this day.---
J. Wicksteed J.C.

Hamilton: Oct.—
24. September 1867.-

My own Lie.—

Yours of this days date, re-
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of my D: silence & Coldness. on
the Part Mine—in connection with Li
plicate—, —— the Cause & strange
Ch. the last fortnight I have been
strange my—Coldness. Part
Cause, and Consequent ailing in-
gredients—Taking—Cause Respect-
ing Letters written—Received with
Pleasure up in the Locality.—

Now I shall—Cause—coming to
Hamilton—strange my—gratitude—
Cause, with the grace & Second-
Cause.—Cause—Cause—Knight of this
Coldness & Coldness.—
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ingredients.—Cause—Cause & Cause Cause

this separate day.—I am anxious—
I will leave the Cause! and you—
I will have with the Cause—together
and see the Coldness.—a Cause—
place in the Centre of the evening will
not be visible Cause with after—on the
the Coldness together.—Coldness Cause
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your Cause.—my Cause—Cause
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Cause Cause—Cause—Cause.—
Cause Cause—Cause—Cause.—
Cause Cause—Cause—Cause.—
Cause Cause—Cause—Cause.—
Cause Cause—Cause—Cause.—
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Copy. 40:13,—

Jones Creek. of Victoria. Dist Lyon, and Dickinson. states that he has never made an application for the Fishing Privileges attached & rights set in Georgian Bay. - Jones Creek in Victoria. District of Algoma ... States an application in the Dept. Fisheries. Ontario Agent. mentioning for a piece of Lyons Island, on which he lives on the Bay, for the purpose of storing his salmon trout, from the Algoma fishermen; this was in the year 1885. ... This not known to him as the Owner of Lyons Island, - the property was vested in the Crown. - He bought from the Algoma fishermen during the following year 1886. - and also bought from some of the same fishermen during this current year of 1887. ..

The names of these fishermen from whom he bought fish are as follows:- Viz!! In 1886 and 1887. ..

1. Benjamin Thompson. ..
2. William Young. ....
3. William Roberts. ..
4. Lewis Brown. ...
5. Louis Roberts. ...
6. Robert Graham. ... 2 Boats.
7. Richard Graham. ..
8. Alexander ....

4 - Men Canoes — 2 Boats. —

Mr Clark, says he is appears he is being employed by the Georgian Bay. - or any other public writers, he employs fishermen, or he buys fish cheap: Clarke employs a Storekeeper. ....

He is acquainted with the Stock system of Stock Issues regulated by the Victoria Department. Ottawa. - and recently issued the stock that were, fishing gear with but these stocks such he never were manufactured in Jones Creek, Victoria. - is chiefly giving the reports. -

Mr Clark. - is in favour of - gear, being Crown property as the only true protection for which fish are taken and Canada. - Speaks from practical experience as a fisherman for many years. - Still keeps 3 Canoes & keeps men employed fishing up to this present time. -

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Mr James Clark,— states,— I have impressed with the idea, that while fish are taken that should be shut, by protected during "Close season",— while spawning.—

But we fish not shoot the Hyd out of Season by saying "Close season"— for it is a note known fact, that fishermen set out the fish nets in "Close Season"— Close season up, and the fish nets are lost, and the fishing grounds are the pollutes with dead fish— and dead fishing grounds ever pollutes in this way!— Mr Clark says does not remove nor even touch the original meaning fishing that for a long time! Mr Clark, says. I also fish a great deal.— Mr Clark says I know a fishermen who fishes several years of his nets but Mr Clark in Close season!— the inspector was the last on the fishing and after close season, must have without fish or nets but Mr James Clark,— says: that man who is no less a personage than Inspector than Minister of the Interior! Inspector Clark he does not pretend, what he speaks the ground— nor fruits the fishing laws—

In saying this gen. Minister must not say fish on the same grounds: they are polluted and spoiled!— Mr James Clark— goes on to says: that responsible Inspectorship for the proper enforcement of the Fisheries Department— Ottawa.—

Mr Clark says I quote the Inspector fishermen of gen— fish,— and I must say by the Inspector Inland generally about Mr Clark is made for the fish, among the fishing season, and changes the gen than the Minister.— Mr Clark,— says by enforcing the "Close season"— he gives the use of Nets,— for the balance of the year.— Mr Clark in my opinion, the best and favorable results would soon follow;— and he strongly recommends the same to the Deputy

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Minister of Fisheries, and the Hon! the Minister, and the Department for their mature consideration.--- Mr. Clark, says, he has always kept Close season?- himself

However!- Mr. Clark, gives instances, which he has no objection in communicating confidentially to the Department:- Thus! There are men who stop on the fishing grounds,- and who fish during Close season?- and then after "Close season"- bring their fish home.-- Mr. Clark, states that this should be finally put an end to!- Mr. Clark, states- sometimes they bring neither fish nets,- nor fish home!- They leave the fish nets, and the fish, on the fishing grounds to rot and pollute the waters: and this has happened as late as last November, and repeatedly during the "Close season" in previous years.---

Mr. Clark, says I purchased fish from them boys this year, who fish in Lake Huron, and I have been buying fish from Fifteen boats during this season besides.--- One Mr. Clark says: I buy some fish from the Indians.--

Heard recently, some of the Killarney fishermen are at present fishing at Whitefish Harbour.- The same Mr. James G. Noble- had on Hyman Island- last summer six at Whitefish Harbour, at present, buying fish for J. and G. Noble.-- Whitefish Harbour, is on or near the south end of Fitzwilliam Island, Lake Huron.

Mr. James Clark, states: there has been a decrease of 25%. twenty five per cent in the catch and take of fish on "Hyman Island," this year, as compared to last year.- Mr. Clark, says: last year was an unusually good year for fishing and catching fish.-- Mr. Clark, says: I have done well this year.--- Mr. James Clark- says: last winter, in the early part of the same, J. and G. Noble, and

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and William Alexander Clark,— by the Sheriff's bailiff Mr James Clark and Mr James McKay,- his partner,— Sturgeon Fish,- Two and (200.) two hundred fish cans, for $ 500.00 ct, damages and costs.- I and my partner, protested, and appealed, when we got all the money back again and had all our things Seized given up to us again, except thirteen dollars.

The only reason - James Clark - can assign, for J. and C. Noble and Wm Alexander Clark,- bringing the suit against him and his partner James McKay,- was! when the Collingwood Fishermen commenced to take their fish to them in the year 1886,- he had a Packer - on Lyons Island,- to pack the fish, and he built a shanty,- on the Island and lived there; and knew the reason why the suit was brought by J. and C. Noble and Wm Clark; Clark against him and James McKay,- his partner.—

Wiarton.- Ont.- Taken by me this day.-
27. September 1887.- } John D'Arcy.- J.P.-

Mr James McKay.- Fish dealer, and Buyer at Wiarton: States; For fifty dollars a year, he and his partner, could get the privilege of living on Ice House,- on Lyons Island,- through Mr Phipps, the Agent of the Indian Department, at Skaithcamingo.— But they never carried out the agreement.—

Wiarton,- Ont.- Taken by me this day.-
27. September 1887.- } J.P. D'Arcy. J.P.

Mr. Darling--of Parliament--on behalf of the Ry. Govt. Railways--

Mr. Darling states that in the year 1921--Jones & Stokes--first went to fish in Georgian Bay--& they have--& have ever since fished--in the same locality--

Mr. Darling states the Indians sign their fish nets--claiming they have a right in the Bay of Georgian Bay--what do Stokes say?--Is an Indian known, because he can read--or do their names?--

Then it was that the Notice appeals to the Fisheries Department Ottawa--for the loss and damage of their fish nets, owing to the Indians, while they were away--& they had to pretend to cut at the time, they had lost their fish nets altogether--

Mr. Darling: states--After this the Stokes James and Charles Stokes--obtained a 5 years Lease of certain waters of Georgian Bay, from the Fisheries Department through Mr. Bowen, M.P. for Algoma--and commenced buying fish--one in a fish-pen with their "Monopoly"--they were worth $20.000.--

Mr. Darling says:--Buying at their own price, always--but always getting the advantage--and with no opposition except Indians--&c.--

This case was never inquired by Parliamentary Committee--for they failed on even the Monopoly--Lease granted--except the Notice--stating we began then off--no justice in this province.--

Mr. Darling states: All the fishermen in the 4 Counties, do not the regular Fish Industry in Georgian Bay--Stokes--by having a large proportion of the public waters of Georgian Bay--Mr. Darling says the Law

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applies for this year as a Fish Station, in the
room of Mr Jackson. I know his character
he is worthless. Mr Darling says. He will not do the
Law of Hyg. Commissioner. Fish make for the Indians the
proceeds this season very small....

Last year Wm. Bennett Chippewa of Saginaw
Michigan. Mr. L. came in the Georgian Bay. to fish.
and to get two barrels of fish make them into Smoked
ing on Lyons Island and to supply fish thus,
Lands and with fish which he sold to J. and C.
Mills.... Wm Linder was arrested off. Mr Dar.
ling says:- by Lindy, and Mr Jackson, and has
to go!!!.. He went away, but came back again
and says they have, he and S. H. Davis, and Capt.
of Detroit, were going to fish at the Indians, and
they have fished in Georgian Bay. - putting on the
Indians and French Lines,- all thought this same
year, nothing was skipping that year by the Cap.
to Saginaw Michigan. &c. &c. away;- Lindy
went at Indians, Killarney, Lyons going to French
River - you to skip the year....

Mr Darling says: when Linder and Davis, came
in last spring for to fish in Georgian Bay.- they
brought in their Fish nets, to Canada by way of
Windsor. then took them to Windsor.- from there
to Killarney, and the Indians and French
River.... They have bought some Fish nets
from my John Linder. of Toronto, since they ca-
me to fish.... They brought in their boats,
corks. from the United States.-

The boats. have their names. Linder - and
Davis - thereon.- Mr Darling says James Roberts
and Thomas Jackson - are both J. P.- Magistrates
at present at Killarney....

Schedule No.

Mr. Darling says that you the American fishermen have one gill net for your three boats, each boat has four yards of gill nets of fifteen fathoms each. -- Each gill net is 600 yards long, and therefore the American fishermen gill nets. --

Darling says: After Frederick Lincoln and Crew finished for some time catching white fish and salmon trout during the summer of 1886. They lifted their gill nets and cleared off home. -- J. W. Darling says: I ordered them home!! -- There were three American Boats and Crews, and gill nets for each boat.

Mr. Darling states there are three Boats in a Syndicate at Collingwood, who fished at Lyons Island during this current year, and they supplied and sold their fish to James Clark, James McKay and Roy, of Whitby and will not admit any more Boats with nets into their Company. -- Once in conversation Darling says: Here are the fishermen who upset Dalton McCarthy's applecart. Who obtain the Lease of the large expanse of waters for them of Georgian Bay, as against many other fishermen who at present fish there. --

Collingwood, Ont. Taken by me, this day. --
18. September 1889. -- William Fox. --

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Mr. [illegible] Line - of French Creek - on Georgian Bay - fisherman, - who states he is a native born Canadian, born on the township of Moore, in the County of Lambton - has been for many years a resident in the United States, at Depere Michigan most of the time fishing. - Became an American citizen, the reason was he built a new Tug, and could not run the Tug unless he became a citizen - Sold the Tug and returned to Canada once more with wife and family and now resides at French Creek; fishing under a license from the Department of Fisheries, and having subscribed to the necessary formalities, he has again become a British subject, intending to make Canada, for the future his home. -

States that - July 1886, he was invited by Charles Noble of Killarney to come over and visit at Lyons Island in Georgian Bay, - and he would buy his fish, he came on that invitation / set his gill nets, over fished up, and caught 200. Trout one white fish - was by all white fish. - This was off Lyons Island, - Charles Noble, said to him, he had the island leased. - James Noble, took the 200 - fish, and paid him $14.00 p. for them, 7¢ for each fish. -

This was in the early part of July 1886. - Fished two days / Set on a Saturday on that occasion, and fished up on a Monday following, and returned the fish on Lyons Island, - Charles Noble - offering him 7¢ per fish, for his catch. - When the Nobles went back on him, said the Market was glutted with fish, and that if they bought his fish, the fishermen of the Lagoons and Georgian Bay, would go back on them. He left on Tuesday morning. the day after he had fished up and was in Depere on Wednesday evening.

Afterwards he returned to Georgian Bay, came to

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French River and ultimately wrote up his mind to sell the law and apply for a license to fish in the Province of Ontario. Returned to Nipissing and the spring he came back, paid duty on 2 fishing boats. The 3rd boat he had already paid duty on when the Police seized his nets in the first instance — July 1886. — Last Spring he came over to fish and he settled at French River on his way here, he stopped at Killarney to pay duty on his boats &c. when he heard from his men — Parson that James Nolan told his Billy Clark, was going to use the former part the best part out of him. — In leaving Killarney he came on the French River, intending to fish in Georgian Bay. — on a fishing license according to the Indian Act, rules and regulations. — showing that Lake Huron of Canal Lake, was Fishing Waters, not that portion of Georgian Bay, when he purpose fishing there this the Lake James, for a license the James having come up the French River. — The James said the Lic. pay no attention for boat, and I will apply and get you a license. — paid for his men Three Boats. received a receipt for the money, also Canoe James. this Lic. you can use your men fish until you get your license. — French, kept the other of the same this year 1887. for 3 Boats. for which you should have Lic. Give orders for boat, which he gave down to Lake Huron, for to pay the License and return Lake Huron James. —

The same after getting the signing of his Boats gave orders given back to Lake Huron. by Parish Clerk, Killarney Ontario. Victoria District, on the Georgian Bay. —

After the signing. French said he must go Home, and the Indian Agent. the Indian man

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one proprietor of Hunk Ranch, accompanied by
he saw the chiefs of Klamath and Yahooskin at the
Indian Department, Washington. And had also the pri-
vilege of the same hyas tenas. When by an order
the U.S. Gov. Indian Agent at Victoria Indian
from the Indians Department, Got all his pickings
say that was hyas klatawa. And also handed
to him the pick on Georgia Bay between Vic
Island, and Nanaimo Van Couver Island about 20 miles
of Lake Province, as for hiscox. - -

When Simon Pure made the hiyus. Knowing that
it would inconvenience him very much - to get back,
home to Hunk Ranch, home with proprietor of Hunk Ranch, the
for his security, and be responsible for him, to the
Indians department, for as to accomplish a just and
fair settlement, but U.S. Pure, Simon would
not do any thing but hiyu. - - -

When Simon first came along in a Day, he hiyu
as I of my Books, and Simon then up to the
Government Book. — Hunk Simon, Nothing Simon. -
Simon asked why he hiyus his Books, when Hyas
explained, he had authority from Ottawa to hiyu. - -
Simon asked Simon, for what do you hiyu. -
Simon explains he had not to tell him anything
about it. that he would put the Matter in his
Lawyer up he would have to go out and I had
better be pretty civil. - - I then took out the Bill
Simon bought for payment of Acts on my Books &
note. I made coming from the United States to Simon
me, but Simon refuses to look at them. But
he looked at the receipt for printing Simon money
for me, he took pains to Simon Johnson Jones. -
he knew it was mine he thought it was Johnson
Jones writing, but that the printing hiyu was not

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-: Confidential :-

Lincoln. They are U.S. Ports of Entry... We
do not going to take them... Lincoln explain them
from the fishing rights are mine, that I made
give them to him for the security of our Inshore
fishing rights until I could procure a treaty for
them, would not accept the securities...

Mr. Lincoln, this my brother Louis Lincoln,
who was buying fish for the U.S. Ports and by
of Detroit, was stay, when Mason take him, he lost
sixty fish nets, and many thing in the packing
house... after a great many talk and threats and
language were by Captain Mason, he says that
now shows Lincoln his authority for making the
seizures... Lincoln says he shows the Telegraph,
he might began, which was for the sixty U.S. Ports
staff, big U.S. Boats, and a Tug...

Then was the of Detroit, Canada shore,
Mason him, who be invited Lincoln, was that
was see him by sending a man for him... Lincoln
says Mason would not compromise with me in
any whatever, and this it was that I went to
Ottawa, and appealed to the Hon. Minister
Since I received my license, I have been fish
ing, and received no more trouble in my
whatever... Mason, has not been here since he
picked up my gill nets. I am fishing at present
and last nothing from years of Mr. first made
gill nets. I has picked the U.S. Boats, when he fish
near the French shore, but not since the seizure
because his fish nets are illegal meshes sizes.
he is getting up legal size. Which must gill
nets. in conformity with the Fisheries Act, the
license be issued many regulations and public
notice, issue by the Department. - - -

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Lincoln Station, supt the Ski ground I bought
in abt 60 lbs. pounds of white fish, one dozen
Herring, since the same to the Lieutenant to
an about the 7th of May last... Left with the
I. A. Davis, one keg of Herring... My Lincoln
keys further, he with at any time, I cannot at
give me any further information, I may require
to proceed to me his time for year 1897.
which I expect one pound pounds...

7.7/14. pounds of fish were in his fyke nets,
when Canoe Trans fishers the up...

Received a receipt from Chas. Lincoln, for
$100, deposit made by his with the Deputy
Minister, Department of Fisheries, Ottawa—
and dated the 10th of June 1897.—

Round Lake, Ont.— Notes by me this
10th September 1897. [illegible] J.C.

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Copy.- No: 16.

Malcolm McLean, states he is a native of Canada, was born in Cape Britain & came at an early age with his father to the Township of Bruce & settled on the boundary line between Bruce & Kincardine, 2nd Concession, Lot 6, 100 acres.- has always been a British subject.- The license he received from the Fisheries Department, is for the purpose of fishing 3 Nets, containing in the aggregate 12,000 yards, of White fish and Salmon Trout gill nets, of at least 5 inches mesh, extension measure, belonging to him at Malcolm McLean, Township of Bruce.- In that portion of the public waters of Georgian Bay from Chicot of Moose Deer point and opposite Collins inlet.- for which he paid $15.00 for license fee, for year 1879.- The license is genuine, being signed by John Tilton, Esq Minister of Marine and Fisheries, is dated and countersigned by H.J. McLean, Fishery Overseer. 23rd June 1879.- being issued for year 1879.- Mr McLean says he caught 79,000 pounds of fish,- up to present date, which he sold to Mr J. H. Davis and Company- Fish dealers of Detroit U. S.-

Six gill nets and three Pounds were seized by fishery Overseer H.J. McLean, on the 8th of May last, same as Lincolns, and he had to undergo the same ordeal only that McLean gave him more privilege.- He not take his boats, and allowed his men to pick up his gill nets that set in the waters of Georgian Bay, and Overseer McLean paid them for doing so.- Mr McLean says he is an old Canadian fisherman, and a brother of Mr McLeod, a fisherman of Owen Sound.- Like Mr McLean, his own son is at present fishing with him, at French River, in Georgian Bay.-

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Indians:-

Mr. Campbell from Tobacco many 20 years ago, [illegible] Indians Lake Shore... Mr. [illegible] must write myself Little ones; Indians are [illegible] not to be one [illegible] to [illegible] & white men [illegible] permission to cut the [illegible] Point, Mich. Agent of Ind. Point, Michigan. Mr. S...

[illegible] states when he came to Georgian Bay he settled on [illegible] Reserve of Killarney, and the Indians directed him to call on Chief Letang James, of Parry Island, and apply to him for a license to fish in Georgian Bay, pointing to Thirst Lake; as he was the Head Chief for that portion of Georgian Bay... that he obtained permission, and he done so; was [illegible] for the privilege for the ensuing year....

Henry Thos: Lincoln's statement, given by him in the case, and corroborates it, has personally known him, since the year 1870... Intends to fish here next year, if permitted to do so. under license from the Hon. the Minister of Marine & Fisheries... Supposes Lease in consequence of the Seizures made by Dom. F. & G. Overseer, at Victoria Harbour,... Thinks if [illegible] must give out, has another fish note, when he arrived at Thirst River, and fished there in Georgian Bay, but finding out what the Law of the Fisheries Act requires, he has since endeavoured to keep up to the Law, rules and regulations of the Fisheries Department. Ottawa - for the Province of Ontario... 2338. Name of fish seen in his possession, when Overseer F. & G. Dom. fished them up and made the Seizure...

Thirst River, Ont. — 16th September 1887. } Taken by me this day. — John Wilkinson. J.P.

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Memo: Jas. S. O. Connell Esqr.
Fisheries Department.—
Ottawa: Oct.—

Yours received and I am glad to find you O. K.— I was to Whitby on last Thursday and I saw James Clark and James Fish buyers and fishermen! they are with you in their testimony! thus far: all are with the Department except J and B.. Foley.— who have handed me Petition to the Minister, for to reduce the Fishing limits I cannot recommend the prayer of the Petition and I am prepared state my reasons... I have read over carefully this day "Sunday" all the correspondence you sent me.— your confidential memo: for the Deputy Minister: is admirable; and I am heart and hand with you... I am glad the Deputy goes with you and the Minister takes the wise and prudent course he does... I find nothing in the Act, already C. Gazette, one finds by close

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in recommending a Syndicate.— In a copy of the Fisheries Act, for which you sent me in 1876,— Lately, I found! on reading Section 16, of the Fisheries Act,— I dont think this Section can be twisted in such a way as to suit for a Syndicate! Mr. Clark,— has handled out of the whole business very way: and stands quite Solitary:—

I find in sub section (4) Section 9. page 4. of the Fisheries Act.— I enclose you the Department, last year.— 1876.— thus:— "In all parts of Canada no person shall sell, "Buy, cure, kill, buy, sell or have in his pos- "session any kind of Fish or Spawn of any "description, between the 15th day of October, "and the first day of January."

If this was made the head from the 15th day of November it would suit better, but then as it is: why is it not agreed?

Your remarks thus,— in correspondence you sent me you are on the proper.—

I have heard since 3 — 4. previous day:

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What business has Mr Carthy - Sh. C. - to interfere with the Children - district in the confidency of Mrs Dawson mother Sh. C. - is it necessary for me to see Mrs Dawson, I dont intend for to go near Mrs Dalton Mr Carthy - Sh. C. - no remarks however until I make my report. -

I am proud to find you all in this "Hell upon Earth get up affair" - if could steering clear of the breakers; - How could be we not to it, if you the Deputy - the Minister - had in your correspondence made one false step! it would be the death blow to the fisheries of Georgian Bay. - I hope God will enlighten my intellects, that I may be enabled to make such a report as will be acceptable to you, the Deputy and the Minister, and justify either this matter. - I have got the materials from you, the enable me to do it. - It is only necessary for me to see William Lawson, - Robert Nelson -

William Gray and Daniel Nelson, on my arrival I hope will personally aid - for that purpose I return to the Lieyard - next tuesday - and in a couple of days hope will finish up: - as regards your Memorandum which I received from you at the Globe Hotel Collingwood. Any time you may see me up I am in no hurry the same will be the subjects you refer to. - If there is any thing else you may deem it necessary to appoint and remind me of, please do so, for I report this with to my last visit to the Lieyard: and address me at the Globe Hotel, Collingwood: - but, -

If there is this inquiring, but I can say little more. - Rest believe me with proper respect, -

Your most Obedt Hble

Sandfield Mc Donald

Toronto - Ont.
2nd Oct 1857. -

Esq
Indian Agent

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U.S. Army Hospital
Mackinac Mich. } Hamilton, Ont. —
Col. Samuels, Adjt. Gen.

4. October 1837. —

My dear Mr. Samuels. —

I write you to tell you I am safe. I have been away to Killarney, Theirel Lake, Whitefish, Owen Sound and Collingwood, Georgian Bay, on very important business connected with the Militia. — I go to Toronto to-day, and finish up: return home and make my report. — Captain Thompson, has bought out Mackay, and Mackay's claim for this year has been cancelled for the balance of this year, and also a New license issued to Capt. Thompson for the balance of this current year. — In that respect your Thompson-affair has come out all right. You apply for his license and get it.

This is what D. Thompson claimed from me in the case of Jones Robb — and the Law of Magistrates says that your Bailiffs

get most of the money when the seizure is made. — I have a letter from Jackson about this case, stating my decision as to whether he should take out the first Bond — and pay the Duties — or more for about I cannot decide — and only replies me without any thing whether must take for granted he does not pay the Duties on the Liquor, my decision is the matter. — The Bailiffs expenses is not to be computed with — Jackson has got his first in it. — And Thompson has not got his bill of it. —

Thompson refused to sign the Bonds, then it was signed after Thompson returned to Mackinac, when Jackson refused to take it. — And then the matter has stopped. I am also expecting letters every day, but nothing this mail from you. Every thing will go on [illegible]

Memorandum for S. O. Bauset Esq.
Fisheries Department,
Ottawa!-

Yours received, I am glad to find you in such good humour for it always indicates good health.--- I got your telegram at Collingwood: got hold of Lamarsh... took a walk down to the Post office!- met Mr. C. Gamon, whom I had not seen since the day I first set my foot in Collingwood, and asked him to accompany me on my tour of investigation!... I told him I had completed the enquiry and that I intended starting for home by the 5. P.M. Train on Friday morning, and had I not met him accidentally - I would have called and said good bye... He made many suggestions mostly founded by me and he wound up by asking me for the synopsis of my report, to count=er act for Mr. Bunting - to whom just go=ing to write! I told him in plain terms I could not and I would not do it!- that I had never done such a thing. that no one would see the re=port until it arrived at the Depart=ment.- Ottawa. ---

In looking for synopsis I found your darling word Cute! Cute! Cute!! Cuteness!!! on the same page (Webs of the Dictionary!- Webster V....)

Now! that I have got rid of C. Gamon I feel happy as my conscience does not trouble me for neglect during the day. the Bottle is in my possession and I intend to have a quiet chat with Mr. Chairman H. S. P. Dennis - fisheries of Canada without committing myself or saying something that may cause the Minister to think: for why am I persecuted by flunkies - M.P.s of Ministers! at

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Supt:- Holly

Wm Lucas of Bridgetown - fisherman states
I fished at Lyons Island in Georgian Bay during
this present year of 1887 - for early in May until
the end of August last when I left the same
bound for Bridgetown. - Fished on Boat contain-
ing 28 Nets - they for 500 to 600 yards in each
gill net - caught 15 to 20 pick chiefly white fish
save them to James Clark of Wiarton for 8 a
piece - - - Was a member of the Syndicate not in-
corporated - with Wm Gray - Chas Dempsey - Wm
Robins David Meldrum - Robert Chalmers Herbert
Chalmers and Samuel Lucas - - -

The Syndicate were expected one spring when
I got the Lyons Island Company - of James C.
Clark and Alexander Clark - - to one of the fish-
ings against which the action for trespass on
Lyons Island was brought - and had the proof of 1500 pr Cwt
of Whitefish - K. was in possession of the Island - - - He
happened in the year 1886 - -

Wm Lucas says: that early in the spring
1886 - I with the other eight Boat owners fishermen
happened to call one night to James C. Clark
Clark; and knew the reason of the Law suit being
brought against us: - After we had obtained a
standard for our fish with James Clark of Wiarton
then it was that J. and C. Clark and Co: Clark
told us: if we did not sign our fish to them
we would have to leave the Island (Lyons Island)
that was in the year 1886 - We did not leave
the Island however - - It cost us a good deal of ex-
pense and loss of time; and much trouble in turn-
ing back to Bridgetown - for the fishing grounds,
and thence back to the fishing grounds at Lyons
Island - again during fishing season during one out

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the other members of the Syndicate much the same
manner.---

Charles Noble,- made me an offer at the fire my fish
in 1886;- hence why I sold to James Clark, of Winton.
After I had arranged to give my fish to James
Clark of Winton, then it was J. and C. Noble and
Alexander Clark, would take my fish at the same
price I was then getting from James Clark.- I de-
clined to sell to them, and so did the other members
of the Syndicate: and then J. and C. Noble and
Alex: Clark, forbid me building a Dock on Lyon
Island.-- We, the Syndicate built a New dock, and
a Fish House, on Lyon Island in 1886.--

We shifted the dock last spring. "This summer you"
to a more advantageous place on Lyon Island, built
a fish house on the New Dock, and an Ice House,-
last winter, there.---

J. and C. Noble, and Alex: Clark, have given me,
nor the other members of the Syndicate any encour-
agement whatever during this current year.-- It was
agreed by myself and fishermen selling to James Clark,-
to pay our proportion of the rent of Lyon Island - to
the Indian Department: through J. and C. Noble and
Alex: Clark, with consent of the Minister, and the
department of Fisheries.- Ottawa.- It being said
something was necessary to be done,- by him to vali-
date and give me an equal and fair right in that Lease
from the Indian Department to J. and C. Noble and
Alexander Clark.---

This proposition, in Lemon states: was sent to
The Hon.ble The Minister, and by him referred to J. and
C. Noble,- and Alex: Clark,- because of something in
formal therein.- And since that time it has remained
in abeyance.---

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Mr. Seaman says; I am in favour of the Water Lease as applied for; and the reason is that a great quantity of fishing tackle has been brought in to French River, Georgian Bay - from Alpina, Michigan U.S. and the Collingwood and Georgian Bay, fishermen, require protection against this sort of thing a foreign invasion of Gill nets. -- Mr. William Seaman states;

But then the question has been made plain to myself and brother fishermen, who, Nobles and Jurnish James Clark, with our fish, that unless we help J. and C. Noble, - in getting the Water Lease, they mean to expel me, and then from Squaw Island. --- Mr. Seaman, states;

We have no authority from J. and C. Noble, or Alexander Clark, whereby we are entitled to remain during the fishing season in each year on Squaw Island, and Mr. Seaman thinks, unless this water Lease is granted! J. and C. Noble may be at us again to deprive us of our places and property on Squaw Island.

As to Lincoln and Mr. Lees, - fishing at French River, Georgian Bay, and buying fish from Georgian Bay - fishermen; Mr. Seaman has no objection to their buying our fish, - he only objects to them as outsiders coming in to Georgian Bay, and fishing large fleets of nets, to each of their boats. six in number, - as there is more than sufficient tackle being fished there already, by the Georgian Bay, - fishermen themselves. --

As regards the "Close Season" - Mr. Seaman is not prepared at present to say much. ---

15 days, he thinks might be taken off, the first day of the month of November. --- Mr. Seaman, thinks the close season, should be strictly watched in the latter part of the present Close Season, and that

Indiana !-

the Clerk of Lake Co. Ind. to Wm. Lowman, Dr. to Fees:
Drawing one Deed.- Wrote 2 Affd. pertaining
during the time known as [illegible] when Lockyear was
the part, because it is a good White girl, name.-
There are no white girl in the Census returns by the
year the 1st of November, in each year, which is for
give day, it is a run for Court.- Fees charged
Wm. Lowman, Wrote: I know all the known I have
given them.-

Subscribed, Sworn
5th October 1887.-
Signed! Wm. Lowman!

Filed by me this 5th
October 1887.-
J.C.-

Memorandum,— for Record Costs.-

1.- Receipts in duplicate for $1.00.- each.-
dated 5th September 1887.-
to Georgia Ray.- mailed.-
2.- Receipts in duplicate for $1.00, each.-
Dated 5th September 1887.-
to Georgia Ray mailed.-
3. Receipts in duplicate for $1.00.- delivery
for Grand Army 10th September 1887.-
Lowman! Ind.
8. Oct: 1887.-
Thirty days

Report!-

Jas. Jones, of Collingwood, a fisherman, by
boat to Lyon Island, in Georgian Bay, last
spring to fish, says on the 1st of May last,--
Has a boat his own property,- has 24 fish nets,
100 yards long each, commenced fishing and re-
mained there on the Island, until the 25th of June
last,- sold his fish to J. and C. Noble, for 6½ ₵.
a piece at the dock, Victor for a light price,-
but the Nobles would not give me any more than
4½ ₵. per fish. was to be 4½ for Lunch fish,-
and arranged with David Lincoln to sell him
his fish, commenced fishing for L. H. Davis, of Detroit
Mich. U. S.- getting 6½ a piece for his fish.-

Caught about 2000,- fish- for J. and C. Noble,
mostly white fish,- sold at 6½ ₵ each.-

Has caught for L. H. Davis,- 3,000, white fish and
trout, mostly white fish, at 6½ a piece.- Came
at the Fishery mid the 27th of August last, when
he returned home to Collingwood.-

Thinks Noble would open him the Old Contract,-
to get him to go back to Lyon Island, and
fish for him, and he offered him 8½ a piece for
his fish to go back, but he declined to go- being
treated rude at Lunch River: considers 4½ ₵.
low, should be put down to suit certain locali-
ties.-- Does not consider it right or proper, that
the Fisheries Department should issue to Lyon,
to Simpson Clark, James Noble, Thomas Harry-
man Davis absolutely any of the public waters
of Georgian Bay, for if the Department do, the
consequences would not be either pleasant or pro-
fitable to an independent fisherman, trying
his chance in Georgian Bay.--

Jas. says: as regards the Syndicate of Eight

Gentlemen:-

Gentlemen, under these Laws we labour,- they were not made for us, we Net Fishermen, nor the Salmon Fishery, or any other Fishermen with their Nets, we do not see any alternative but to look out and find a Market for ourselves.---

I, and my Colleagues Bailey and Mc Kinney, had a very pleasant time during the month of May, fishing on Georgian Bay,- at Snug Harbour,- David Lincoln, and very few fish were killed, and our money was soon paid out every Saturday night.---

The means and ways practised by Clay: Clark and J. and C: Nolan,- viz. Fishery says: in tying out poor Fishermen in spring time of each year, with Boats and Gill nets to fish for them, and the consequences that follows- should be stopped by the Fisheries Department.---

Mr. Fishery,- states he does not wish to see any more Fishermen, than are at present fishing in Georgian Bay,- admitted by Licence there in future, as the place is already completely overstocked with Tugs, Boats and Gill nets,- and fishing is being carried on in the public waters of Georgian Bay! to Excess, and annihilation.---

Collingwood; Ont.- Taken by me, this day.-
6. October 1887.-- John Wilkes.
Sworn.- James Fishery. J.P.-

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Hamilton, Ont.—
8. October 1887.—

Sir.—

I have the honor to send you Bank Draft, No: 481,— for Sixty five dollars...

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year; as follows:—

1. Joseph Rose, and Son,— Brunswick, Lake Erie; To balance in full of Licence to fish Rose Point, in Lake Erie; already issued and delivered,— Amount — $50.00

2. Richard Tapp, Burlington Beach. To cost before the first January next for Licence to fish Ontario off Burlington Beach, already issued and delivered,— Amount — 15.00

— William Ryan, do. do. do. do. — 6.00

3.— Hugh Jones Knight, and Charles Knight of Wellington, fishermen; To cost before the first January next for Licence to fish 2 fishing Nets, for year ending May 5,400 yards of which five are below the first gill nets of the legal size of 5 inch mesh extension measured on Jones Bay, fishing in the Town of Wellington,— Amount 15.00

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this licence; &c. Total $165.00

I have the Honor to be, &c.

Your Obedient Servant.

The Deputy Minister, Fisheries,— Department of Fisheries, Ottawa, Ont.—

O.I.—

I may here report that with the fishing near Wellington, many persons have fished, with the fishing next week in Jones Bay, fishing on Wellington Beach, Three fishing vessels, Hamilton have been here,— Wellington &c.—

[illegible]

I have the honor to be your obt. [illegible]

[illegible]

I have the honor to be your obt. servt.
with a letter addressed to me by James G.
Stanley of Victoria, fish curer and fisher-
man, in partnership with James Island of the
Stalking Island group, belonging to this City
here. From statements by the Indians of Alert
Bay, (Nimpkish Island) only 6,400 yards
of white fish net have been sent ashore.
Also Cap Scott, for a Fisherman, which adds
to 5,000, yards more. --- Total 11,400, yards.
I received the attached letter on my ar-
rival here for Metlakatla, as you may
see from which I submit the same for your information
In connection with this matter, I may inform
you that there are 22, Indian Boats, and 13
Chinese Boats, at present in Skidegate Har-
bour, which is on the south west side of Queen Char-
lotte, fishing gear only, for Trout and white
fish, and I cant say how many more; and
I have been told none of them pay the Fishery
Department any license fees. Fishing for
Trout is extensively carried on there in Queen
Charlotte at present, and James A. Porter,
from Alert Bay, this Porter on Queen
Island, during last summer, there at present
buying fish for them. --
Respectfully submitted. ---

I have the honor to be,
Sir, ---
Your Obedient Servant. --
[illegible] ---
Fishery Overseer. --

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries
Ottawa, Ont. --

Hamilton 9th Oct.—
8. October 1867.—

Sir.

I have the honor to submit for your information, the Petition of eight Inhabitants of Barry's Bay, Algonquin Tribe and Half Breeds, of Lollingwood, Pakenham, &c. for permission to build on the Lots on the Bonnechere Indian Reserve in Grattan Twp.—for the purpose of sawing Logs for keeping their families clothed & during the Sawing season of 1868... Also I have sent plans in connection with the same as concerning persons for said privilege ●...

In connection with this matter I am informed Dan Patterson of Renfrew, will be down this winter for permission for the Lots on the River on the Bonnechere, near the mouth of Round Lake, and I am informed he has the building up.....

In further connection with these Lots Chas Stokes told me on the 5th instant, of Collingwood,—That he was Lots on the Bonnechere,—this year, that the Lots belong to the Crown Trust, Toronto?—

Respectfully submitted.—

I have the honor to be &c &c—

&c.—

Your Obedient Servant,—

Superintendent.—

Hon. Secretary of State,—
Department of Indian,—
Ottawa, Ont.—

Hamilton C.W.
9. October 1870.

Sir,-

With reference to the Pickering & the other cases of alleged Frauds and Forgeries at London, Ont., on the South Branch of the Post Office, in that City:-

I have the report, that Inspector Chamberlain writes me - they were ready to go on with the work, and complete this job, but owing to important changes intended to be made in the office, and plate laid, early next spring. they ask for the postponement of the work until then - when they promise they will contract a good substantial job.--

I sanction it this job, in the alterations and improvements to be made in the office and plate laid, next spring. any thing sooner to be too close and rebuild again.--

I recommend that you write to Inspector Chamberlain and permit the postponement of the finishing of the job - in this case until next spring.--

Respectfully submitted and herewith nothing will suffer by the postponement.-

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Obedt Servt.
Postmaster.

The Deputy Minister
Department of Public Works
Ottawa Ont.

[illegible] Ont.
8. October 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that at the last session of the Ontario Legislature, [illegible] Act, 60 Vict., Cap. 19, the 10th September last, at Toronto, for Delinquents, ...

To the names mentioned there will not be added [illegible] ...

2. The names mentioned there [illegible] Residents at Kittamaxy, but were away at Whitby Harbour, Owen Sound, Georgian Bay on Saturday, 7th September last, when the Act was put into force ...

My Name Jackson, as a Citizen, was kept [illegible] Jail, [illegible] and [illegible] ... Now in this it seems to be a great mistake the Jailings of the Jailer for a portion of the names of the Jailmen, who have actually signed the Petition ... Out of 27 names, 7 are in no way connected with Jailing, and this they are able to [illegible] with support themselves ...

5. That the names of Jailmen on the Petition, who were not here at Kittamaxy when the names were forged on to the Petition, about 10 or 12, are the Fathers of the Jailmen at Kittamaxy. I am surprised at the assertion made that they cannot make a livelihood by Jailing.

In the evidence of Robert Stevenson, Jailman, he is stated, that we pay 18 Jailers at Kittamaxy, but the evidence does not mention anything during this Jailing season, he says there are

The Deputy Minister
Department of Fisheries,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Hamilton! —

Mem: for S. P. Sunset Capt.ⁿ —
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa! —

I have just written to Long point. for to procure for you and myself a few pair of good wild ducks. —

They are generally in good condition just before the season closes. — — —

I received a letter from James Hamilton Esq.ᵉ M. P. of Pt.ᵉ Credit: a gem in itself. — —

Thomas Joyce of Bronte has accumulated $20.000. — by catching and selling Cisco and herring — since he moved from Burlington Beach to Bronte. —

And his brothers and all the other fishermen are growing rich — and better still — all are good warm supporters of the Government. — With a desire to hear from you how the Report was received; a puzzler! — believe me! Yours respectfully. —

28. Oct. 1887. [illegible] John W. Kerr. — &c. —

Hamilton! Ont.—
8th October 1887....

Sir.—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your let. ter dated Ottawa, 31st August 1887.—informing me of the dissatisfaction and trouble which are said to pre. vail amongst the Fishermen of Georgian Bay/...

Instructing me to visit the locality as soon as possible in order to enquire into the alleged causes of disconteut.... And enclosing me copies of the se. veral petitions and letters detailing the fishermens grie. vances.... And subsequently I received your letter, dated Ottawa, 5th September 1887.—intimating to me that Mr. C: Gamon. of Collingwood, Fisheries: ter was associated with me in the enquiry and direct. ing me to call on him to accompany me: And that the Department will defray Mr. Gamons expenses, and enclosing me $100.00 for that purpose....

In reply I have to report that in obedience to your order I proceeded to Collingwood on the 7th of September last, and on my arrival there I immediately waited on Mr. C. Gamon, and told him what your instructions to me about him was; Mr. Gamon informed me that Mr. Moberly the gentle. man was away on a Commission, and he could not leave, was obliged to attend to attend to the busi. ness of the firm during Mr. Moberly's absence. He. me of things to enquire about and made himself agreable.... Being as I was then alone, I put myself in communication with the Collingwood fishermen choosing Mr. William Alexander Clark as my Associate:- Taking down evidence from the

The Deputy Minister.-
Department of Fisheries.-
Ottawa. Ont.-

most prominent fishermen named in the Returns, and papers you furnished me with detailing grievances, &c. &c.--

I visited Killarney, French River, Wiarton, Club Island, Meaford and Collingwood; the latter several times.--I have examined nineteen of the most prominent fishermen named in the documents, you furnished me with and I have taken down 160.- sixty pages of evidence which I herewith submit for your information.---

And now that I have got through, and completed my tour of inspection,--I have to report that I have found no grievances to complain of:-"Even the "humble fellow, Mr. William Roberts, a fisherman, said "to me in his evidence now that we have arrived "where we are:-it is best to let things drop".--

Last year between 500, and 600, Tons of fish were caught in Georgian Bay, at Lyons Island, within four months.--And the catch and take of fish during this current year; although not as good as last year! was a very fair four months catch of 500, Tons of fish.-- What then have fishermen to complain of!.- The fact is the fisheries at Lyons Island and Killarney require to be better protected.-

A great many fishermen seem quite pleased and satisfied, and I cannot discover why it should be otherwise; &c;- I have found out that the Georgian Bay, fishermen have every thing their own way.---

Every fisherman who has returned home to Collingwood, from Lyons Island,- have commenced to fish again in Georgian Bay,- fronting on Collingwood, Thornbury, Clay shore, Christian Islands, &c.--

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Here follows a list of the fishing Stations on Georgian Bay, and number of Tugs and Boats fished at each; during the early part of this current year of 1887.—

1. Squaw Island,	2. Tugs.	50. Boats.	
2. French River.—	"	"	9. "
3. Byng Inlet.—	"	"	13. "
4. Point Abbreuay.—	"	"	12. "
5. MacKay's Island.—	"	"	4. "
6. Stokers,—	"	"	7. "
7. Snake Island.—	"	"	4. "
8. Cabots Head.—	"	"	6. "
9. Tobermory.—	2.—	"	16. "
10. Club Island,—	1.—	"	6. "
11. Meaford.—	2.—	"	4. "
Total	7. Tugs,—		131.— Boats,—

Each Tug manages 60. Nets,— 600 yards in each gill net = 36.000. yards, for 7. Tugs,— 252,000,— yards of gill nets,— or 143. miles in all.

Then there are 131,— Boats,— Each Boat manages 7 miles of gill nets, when fishing,— equal 917. miles, added to the Tugs, and the total is 1060. miles of gill nets,— that are being fished at present in Georgian Bay.—

If it is wonderful, exhibitant, superfluous, fishing to excess,— it must be stopped, and the question arises how is this to be done.—

In my enquiry, I found that Donald Allan Dowell, on Club Island, remained on there, last November, during Three hours, and fished when storms prevailed him, lost 42. gill nets,— 600 yards in each net,

3.—

1. Ghulam Ahmad	"	12	"
2. Muhammad Yusuf	"	11	"
3. Abdul Karim	"	10	"
4. Fazal Dad	"	9	"
5. Nur Muhammad	"	8	"
6. Sher Ali	"	7	"
7. Jiwan Khan	"	6	"
8. Allah Ditta	"	5	"
9. Rahim Bakhsh	"	4	"
10. Karim Dad	"	3	"
11. Muhammad Hussain	"	2	"
12. Faiz Ullah	"	1	"

Total Rs. 78

Rs. 78 ÷ 12 = Rs. 6-8-0 per head

Rs. 6-8-0 × 12 = Rs. 78

Rs. 78 ÷ 6-8-0 per head = 12 persons

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Rs. 78 ÷ 12 persons = Rs. 6-8-0 per head

Nobel 26.200. yards, or 14 miles of gill nets, pollutes the waters anew with dead fish, and I was told spoils and damages the fishing grounds, leaving them useless this year, to his own loss and damage. -- "There is no disposition for a change in the present close season, in the public waters of Georgian Bay, -- this thing Alexander Clark, told me originated with J. and C. Noble, - there must be no change in the Close season". except to add 10 days more to it, from the latter part of October so as the more effectually to protect the Trout during their spawning time. -- Besides the great majority of the fishermen of Georgian Bay, dont want the present Close season" to be changed, but they require to have it strictly observed in future. -- I cannot recommend any other change, please read the testimony herewith of fishermen on the subject. --

"An attempt was made to mislead you by Robert McKinney, William Lemon, Robert Cleland, Denis Malcolm and Sam[illegible] Lemon, fished last November during close season, for Trout and white fish, altho' during the previous summer they told Mr. Dalton McCarthy, M.P. that they would turn out and protect the fisheries. -- Robert Cleland, and William Lemon, Collingwood fishermen, - fished up their last gang of gill nets in Georgian Bay, on the 15th of November 1884, and caught trout and white fish, and were remonstrated with by William Alley, Clerk, of the time for so doing. -- The only persons who want a change of 15 days in close season, is [illegible] fishermen. --

4. --

It was from the effects of threats made use of, by the Stobles to keep Collingwood fishermen out of Squaw Island, that the application for Ten years lease of 865 square miles of Georgian Bay, as per Sketch, was first thought of, and then applied for, by Dalton McCarthy Esqre M. P. at the urgent solicitation of Mr Charles Gamon, a Collingwood Barrister, in behalf of a few favourite fishermen against the many, please refer to Mr Charles Gamon's letter, and other documents - all dated Collingwood, the 11th of March 1887...

But I warn you now to issue no more Leases, J. and C. Stobles - present Lease of Squaw Island, will expire on the 31st of December next, 1887 - that caused so much wrangling at Killarney, only ending when it arrived at the verge of Murder, and the dismissal of Overseer James Patton, - the officer then in charge... Let us have Peace! but at the same time I recommend that there shall be no more Monopolies... Please refer to a former report of mine dated 31st October 1883 - then addressed to S. B. Bennet Esqre Acting Commissioner of Fisheries.

However! it is now apparent, and very properly so, and no fisherman wants it now, but J. and C. Stobles - and failing to get it for Ten years lease, - Charles Stobles will be satisfied with a Two years lease!... See Mr Stobles, evidence and conversation with me at Killarney - on the 17th September 1887.... No: 9...

Many persons have said to me recently that Mr Dalton McCarthy has no business whatever to interfere with Squaw Island fisheries, they being out of his jurisdiction as M. P. for Collingwood, Mr Dawson, of Algoma M. P. being the true representative of the locality... Why, it was Dalton

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Mr Carthy. M.P. who induced Alexander Clark, to bid $225.00 a year for Squaw Island, and he would get the Island for him and J. and C. Noble, - as against James Clark of Wiarton, said to have offered $200. a year for the Island.... which was not correct, as he only wanted a piece of the Island - on which to Erect an Ice House... Per James Clarke evidence dated 27th of September 1907.... Pg: 13...

At the time Dalton McCarthy, induced Alexander Clark, and J. and C. Noble, - to give $225.00 - for Squaw Island, - per year, Alexander Clark, had already ask he required of the Island for which he pays $10.00 - per year, to the Indian Department...

I think I can now say the whole of the difficulties are settled down... It appears from what I heard, and from reliable proof in my possession. - That it was a Political got up affair, by Dalton McCarthy, - and A. Jones, for to rally the Fishermen of Collingwood, more worse by in McCarthy's favour and cause as a candidate at the last Dominion Election; as against The Hon Mr. F. W. Anglin, - the opposition Candidate; I was told so, and I know and believe it...

And unnecessary promises were made them, that are now discarded by Alexander Clark, and other Collingwood - Fishermen....

It is not now necessary, - that a Lease shall be granted by the Fisheries Department, Ottawa, of 365 - square miles of the best Fishing of Georgian Bay, - Extending from Cedar Harbour, Owen Channel to Killarney, on the Hungry point, Red Rock, Thrumb Rock, and several miles below the Manitoulin, and then across Georgian Bay, - to the place of beginning, as per chart.... To Alexander Clark, Robert Clelland, William Storey, and James Noble...

6.

In the communication from Mr. C. Gamon, to Dalton McCarthy,- and in the application from Dalton McCarthy to The Hon. The Minister, recommending the granting of a Fishing Lease to Messrs James Stobo,- Robert Cleland, William Young,- and William Alexander Clark, for 6½ square miles of Georgian Bay;- fronting on several Indian Villages with peoples; I simply beg not to say, that Dalton McCarthy has recommended no provision whatever to be made for these poor Indians.--

Mr. Clark has withdrawn from the arrangement, and he recommends in its place thus:-

See Mr. William Alexander Clarks testimony dated the 9th and the 13th of September 1877 Nos: 7, and 8.-

Copy!-

"Mr. Clark says, now then to put a fine "stop to this thing in future the Fisheries Depart- "ment, Ottawa, should take this matter in hand, "by issuing Rent Licences in early spring of each "year, to each and every fisherman, and stop Messrs "James Clark, and Brother, of Wiarton in their pre- "sent course, by specifying in each Licence the "limits within which, each licence fisherman "shall fish in the public waters of Georgian Bay, "so as to avoid crowding on certain ——— "fishing grounds. thereby, of certain seasons of the "year, which has been the case this present year, "thus damaging and injuring each other's fishing "nets many fish nets,- by wear and tear causing "unnecessary damage to their outfit, besides injur- "ing the fishing grounds by surrounding with too "many gill nets,- annihilating the fish."-

7.-

Upon which petition there have been Depositions
hereby made Kings, that I will reserve to
the Petition of the Kings, and 127 inhabitants of
the Town of Collingwood, forwarded to The Hon.
The Minister of Marine and Fisheries Ottawa by
Dalton McCarthy, Esqr. M.P. on the 7th October
1896. for to limit the close season to the
first 15 days of the month of November in each
year... 127 Signatures, from a population of
over 6000, is no criterion for a numerously sign-
ed petition in my opinion....

The Fishermen of Georgian Bay - except from
Meaford are satisfied with the existing close
season - they want no change. They require that
the close season for White fish, and Salmon
Trout, as per your public notice, dated Ottawa
1st October 1897. be strictly enforced next
November, all over the public waters of Geor-
gian Bay. and I recommend the same, hop-
ing that you will cause more attention to this
be paid to its observance, than heretofore...

I must now candidly tell you, and I hope I
am not spending your instructions to me in doing
so, that for the lack of proper attention of the
Fishery Officers of Georgian Bay - larger quanti-
ties of fish nets, are being fished than this time
last year, before their eyes, and under the re-
gulation size of Mesh must, otherwise more
have coming up rotten and illegal fishing...

There is no improvement whatever, since the
date of the year 1896. - and Mr. John Lawlor -
with all his fair promises to you and the
Department, still continues to set illegal fish
nets to the Fishermen of Georgian Bay...

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Some how or another I am led to believe that the Hon. McCarthy and the Hon. Charles Gamon, thought between them, that they could run the Fisheries of Georgian Bay - That the fishermen of Collingwood, should have more of their own way, when in reality they have had too much of that already. - And that a departure from the system of Law, orders in Council, rules and regulations of the fisheries department as by the Dominion law, and Governor General in Council, was the only way to accomplish this. Both they have attempted it, and signally failed. - - -

The fishery laws of Canada for the protection and preservation of our valuable fish, under the superintendence of The Hon. the Minister, your staff and staff are ale sufficient! "But no fine touch of a finger brave nature," should ever be permitted to take the place of the Fisheries Act. - "Besides I cannot recommend it. Got up after consultation by the best and practical talent of the House of Commons of that day, when every great man of the House vied with each other to make good and just laws, and framed beneficial fishery law, so that it may exist for generations to come. - -

I hope I will be pardoned by you and the Department for here stating to you that I fully and faithfully approve and endorse the valuable and prudent report of the Hon. D. Barnard to you in this matter, dated 20th April 1877, with your Memorandum of approval on the same sent to The Minister, and I respectfully recommend that there shall be no departure from the present established Fisheries Act of Canada.

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In consultation with Wm Alexander Clark, Fish-
erman and fish dealer - Collingwood ... "The Clark
"States: C. and J. Noble, are the instigators in caus-
"ing a change in the present Close Season in Geor-
"gian Bay, - they are the only ones! and if the
"Close Season, is not kept even as it is, - and strict-
"ly enforced, - in five years our fisheries in Geor-
"gian Bay, - will be things of the past" ... Please
refer to Mr Clarks "Confidential" statement dated
9th September 1887, - Marked No: 8, -

I feel happy and pleased that the Minister
was able to resist the repeated applications of
Dalton McCarthy Esqre M.P. - to repeal the
Fisheries Act of Canada ....

Died now about the Americans at French River,
Georgian Bay, - 2nd July 1886, - Frederick Lincoln of Sa-
pina Michigan, United States, being invited by
Charles Noble, came all the way from there to
_____ Lyons Island, Georgian Bay, -
for the fish gill nets. - And he did fish with gill
nets, - he brought with him, and caught 200 lbs of
White fish and Salmon Trout, nearly all white fish,
and he sold them to J. and C. Noble, - James Noble
paid him $ 14.00 per Thou. 7 a piece for the
fish, - please refer to Lincoln statement No: 15, -
taken by me at French River on the 15th Sept.
Inst. 1887. ...

Upon my enquiry from Charles Noble if he has
another Seine Lincoln _____ to Lyons Island, and fish
he positively denies it! - On mentioning this matter
afterwards to Wm Alexander Clark, and Negus that
journey, - they told me they were present, and
heard Charles Noble invite Lincoln to come on,

and he would buy his fish.... "This is the shew that threatens to break the camels back."

The fishermen of Georgian Bay and Lakemjewood object to Canada and all Lease fishing in the Georgian Bay, under Boat licenses from the Department, Collins Inlet, and allowed Dear fruit, distance 25 miles, - upon the recommendation of Mr. Macaulla, M.P. for Muskoka at Ottawa at the solicitation of Mr. Tarbell M.P. Lease, - formerly Lease fishermen on the sable, where he was burned out, at present Lease fishermen, at French River. - Mr. Tarbell M.P. Lease, - told me so at French River on the 15th Sept. 1867.

The privilege is an an extensive one, and for them comes with the fisheries already possessed with gill nets, on their arrival at French River, they were rushed in on the best fishing in Georgian Bay, - and by Solomon James, Overseer at Rayside without reference on his part, to the Department of Fisheries for instructions in the matter. - The result has proved a costly extravagant way of doing business by Lessees, K. K. K. made by the officers on the shore shore of Georgian Bay, - and should be taken by the Government in future. - - -

When the Boat licenses were granted to Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Lease, for Gill Net Fishing, containing 36.000 yards of gill nets, the fishing was being carried on by the Indians, being surrounded with gill nets, Forty gill nets being set one day last summer, one above the other in front of the Islands, in Georgian Bay. - Fishermen of Georgian Bay, - have no objection to J. H. Davis of Detroit sending in the Ravens and having David Lincoln - his Foreman buy their fish - & - Waybeyet the Main Fishing. - In fact Georgian Bay Fishermen say!

David

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we require Georgian Bay fisheries for Georgian Bay fishermen.... The Minister having mentioned the name of the boat licenses being granted to Charles and Malcolm McLean, for this current year, it is I presume all right.—

Mr Dalton McCarthy M.P. having entirely made premises the Intelligence fishermen he could not justify, I saw no reason to withhold the grant the application...

The Minister himself should deal with Messrs McLean, who told a fair story of the whole matter so far as they were individually concerned...

There is something behind the scenes, and other than licenses for this year expire on 31st December next, that licenses should not be renewed again; I say this not from any outside feeling to the men, but because of the already overcrowded state of the fisheries with gill nets in Georgian Bay...

There is 1760 miles of fish nets being fished in Georgian Bay this current year, for many boats, not including the Indians, who are entitled to equal privileges with the other fishermen; besides half breeds employed in the two mills on the north shore of Georgian Bay, who own fish nets in their names... It is currently reported that an increase will be made in the fishing fleet of Georgian Bay next year by the transfer of boats from Lake Huron, and by others at present living on Georgian Bay going into fishing business. I recommend that all these things be attended to...

I recommend that the Tugs on the fishing Banks be entitled to a certain quantity of gill nets for each, but as I know the feeling of the fishermen on this matter, before any thing is done I

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would like to discuss these matters with you.—

Cargo being got up for carrying purposes in the first place, should be ruled out from fishing altogether.- And if continued to fish, they should pay at least £20.- annual license fee.—

I send you 21. packages of evidence taken down by me.- From that number of Indigenous and Foreign Boy. fishermen, and the nature of the same will keep you fairly at the same time that shows the Native Authority and Chiefs Generally - were not acting fair and square in their correspondence with you and the Minister.—— Respectfully Submitted.—

Chief Clerk

10.—

Memorandum for S. O. Bennet Esqre
Fisheries Department —
Ottawa! Ont. —

Your kind favour received, and for which I warmly thank you - for the pains you are taking to arrange the report. - -

Clarke was a partner with J. and C. Robb, last spring - but after a month withdrew from the Company. - - Okay: Clark, was unwilling at first to tell me much - and you may see that I got his statements /2./ on different occasions viz: /1/ — on the 9th inst and viz: 2 — on the 15th inst of Sept — Keep his confidential report - secure! - except it becomes necessary to take it, - Keep it in the Department. - -

Send as for James Clark Esqre on Donald Macdonald, Clark Island, dont give Clarks name in the report. —

Okay: Clark. Told me the same thing about Donald Macdonald, Clark Island! Except you! I was out - Jig about the

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peoples opinion of me! not one of the people who might talk - could point out the things as I did! - When you directed me to Killarney - Lyons Island and Frank Cain! anything upto that play'd with my hands, - Of course upto your kind favor forced to regulate the report! - if I pleased - the raw material - I was sure you would do all the rest. - Herewith find statements thus: - - - Name, and Residence! -

No: 1, William Bishop, Killarney! -
" 2. and 3, - Robert Williams, - Killarney,
" 4. William Henry, - Killarney! -
" 5. Samuel Cannon. - do! -
" 6. David Malcolm. - do! -
" 7. William Okay; Clark, - do! -
" 8. - do. - do. - do! -
" 9. Charles Noble. - Killarney. -
" 10. Daniel Cannon. - Killarney. -
" 11. Robert Bishop. - Killarney. -
" 12. Ben: Dempsey. - do.
" 13. James Clark, - Meaford, -
" 14. J. W. Darling. - Killarney,

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No: 15.– Fred: Lincoln, French River!–
" 16.. Malcolm McLean,– do.– do.–
" 17. William Seaman,– Killaloe.–
" 18.– William Roberts,– do.–
" 19. Alfred Montgomery,– do.–
This is Kept for Special report,–
You shall have it on Monday.
" 20, James Gauley.– Killaloe.
" 21, Herbert Clelland,– do.–

The statements I dare say will suit and I hope meet your approval. I took down things as I got them, and if you dont stop them in their stead, with Latitude of fishing to excess,– you may depend upon my word – the end is nigh at hand.– Just see the quantity of fish sold,– each have got as per statement and fish caught, and these things you see are surprising.– –

Yours respectfully.–
Hamilton, Ont.–
15. Sept 1869.–

Hamilton!– Ont.–
17. Oct. 1869.–

My own Daughter!–

On Wednesday next at 2. p.m.– I have to appear at Port Hope to act as a witness against some of the Parents fishermen,– and I am waiting for the present them being fined.– –

And unless the fishermen of Canada pay up their Licence fees at once, I will be obliged to summon and fine myself.–

Without my sons,– when these men were summoned,– were spoken to,– amongst other things,– they said they did not care a damn for me! Let it be! the Licence fees shall soon be paid,– or fishing must be stopped.– –

With warm and kind regards to you, your Brothers and Family,–

Believe me,– Yours Lovingly,–
Wm Seaman Esqre Killaloe
Ont.– Canada,– Ont.–

Hamilton, Ont.—
15. October 1887.—

Sir,—

In submitting No: 19.— herewith from Alfred Montgomery,— of Collingwood,— for your information, I would like very much to find myself free in this case, so that I might recommend the place applied for, to be set apart for the natural propagation of fish.— But finding on these waters of Georgian Bay,— are several Indian villages— who are, with their Indian population,— entitled to our first consideration,— On account of the Indians,— I cannot recommend the place applied for to be set apart. V.— . . .

I find however that in my report to you dated 31st October 1883,— I recommended that No Nets be allowed to be set in the waters of Owen Channel!"

It is a great thought now, especially at this particular season of the year. Trout and White fish pass in large numbers from Lake Huron into Georgian Bay,— for the purpose of spawning, and increasing their species.— And I recommend that Owen Channel, be set apart for the natural propagation of fish.— "Large quantities of gill nets,— are being fished there in this channel at present preventing the passage of fish to and from accustomed resorts for spawning and increasing their species."— Please give this a place in report.—

Because I firmly believe the fisheries are injured by completely barring Owen Channel,— with gill nets.

Yours respectfully.—

A. McNabb.—
Fishery Overseer.—

A. P. Bennet Esqre.—
Fisheries Department.—
Ottawa, Ont.

S'mike's Cat.

Sir ... 15th October 887.-

I have the honor to send you Bank draft, No: 506,- for the sum of Sixteen dollars!- We ... be pleased to apply this amount for ... as follows:- Viz:-

1... Robert Brash... Burlington Beach:- For a Boat Licence to fish 1800 yards of Herring gill nets, fronting on the Township of Saltfleet on Lake Ont... Amount... $ 5.00.-

2.. Charles Golding.- Toronto.- For a Boat Licence to fish 3,200. yards of Herring gill nets.- in Lake Ontario, fronting on the Township of Scarboro.- the amount therewith is.- $ 5.00.-

3.. William J. Douglas.- Township of Nelson.- For a Licence to fish 200. yards of Herring gill net in Lake Ontario, fronting on his own place for family use.- amount is.- $ 1.00.-

I recommend that you will be please to grant licences to the foregoing applicants...

4. Daniel McGregor.- Burlington Beach.- For amount of Boat licence already received and determined.- amount is!- $ 5.00.-

Respectfully Submitted!- Total.- $ 16.00.-

I have the honor to be,-

Sir.-

Your Obedient Servant,-

J. Wilkie.-

The Deputy Minister. Fishery Branch.-
Department of Fisheries.
Ottawa, Ont.-

Depot Montgomery Ala
Confidential
Lieutenant —
Engr
Hamilton Col —
9 October 1837 —

Dear Sir Montgomery —

Your letter of 3 got your application about the Sea Shore on the Chattahoochee, and I sent it to the Department, Washington, and I recommended that the same may be granted. —

Pending the receipt of the permission to build, — if I was in your place I'd go there and pick out a good place and build a substantial good Log House and Stables for the Children over next year. — I don't think any change should any changes take place will interfere with you. —

I have got every thing in your name, for my report, and sixty pages of the History from Jefferson will accompany the Map in regard, promising to be finished

by the 1st of Dec. I may be sure that there is nothing in the Chattahoochee to prevent a District Judge from holding and holding his District Court in the center of Chattahoochee, Georgia by-instructed. — It is my intention for Congress, that they shall have [illegible] the next term — my report I hope will be the last I shall ever make in Georgia Boy — Jefferson, — that may be my first Judicial duty, Colonel — and Jefferson friends, — who encouraged me my boy always been with me in Georgia Boy — Jefferson matters. — I expect to be ready — the other side of my report, then I expect to be placed in a position to take you one my friends something. — When is that Boy of Jefferson's coming — Will my name appear to you one yours — Dear Major, Mrs Clark of Jacksonville — Miss Dickson, Miss Dickson — and Jacksonville Miss Clark — Clark's mother! Dear — Chris Rogers — Jefferson Boy

Hamilton, Ont.
11 October 1887...

Alfred dear Alfy Darling!...

Your two favours of the 10th instant, received, and I am glad to learn you are all well....

With reference to your fishing gear, your Herring and Pickerel: I should think 3/4 and 3/8" mesh nets of ordinary measure will be all sufficient....

Please let me know how many yards of fish net you propose to fish, and I will try and arrange the matter for you in any case the licence will be only $1.00, but my impression is the Department should issue you the fish gill nets for the balance of this year, and charge you nothing.... I am sorry to see by the News paper, Parents visit - that Prince, has been seriously burnt down....
I think I have got through my investigation on Georgian Bay;— on going up there again;— but now for my report... Have on 7 days 134 Miles;- fishing on Georgian Bay - besides Indians and Half Breeds -

The days fish 21 miles of gill nets each, one week 7 miles of gill nets each: these 147 nets gave these 1914 miles of Salmon Trout and white fish gill nets each.— At Lyons Inlet, last year — your nearest to Sault Ste Marie 60 Miles of fish.— and this year the same number of Nets — same quality with 6 additional Nets — caught 678 Lbs. You may depend upon me that I will always faithfully prepare my statistics for the Fisheries Department, how ever they will run! no favouritism!— except to me as one of Alfred's Pa, who by the bye don't always minister unto me as he should —

difficulties... It is a good thing for me, and all concerned that I am entitled to the very fullest share of your confidence. I was greatly pleased at the kindly manner and sincere and friendly way in which you helped me. Kindly treated you it spoke in glowing language volumes for the helper!- At present we for a long time past the reigning element of Confusion and Chaos... May you live long long to enjoy the watch - nothing more appropriate from sincere friends - to a most worthy man and friend than a sterling Gold Watch... It contains so much to impress on our minds good and manifold things: May you always feel happy - happy and pleased tonight your jubilee as you felt on that occasion... that your most faithful friend - on that happy occasion must have felt pleased and delighted, being then in the midst the energetic way this was.- You will have permit me to be your friend: that from the first day, I saw Mr Henry - to this day - I consider him in all things in every respect a Noble Man!- to whom Kindness becomes me.- and respect the same due of friendship to you as an employer.

I may here tell you that in 1854. the Engineer staff - of the G. W. Railway - was disbanded, when the Board was finished, they presented me with a gold watch and chain - to remind me that I had friends - in the long past - how pleasant you will find it in years to come when you look back.- May with Peace! "John W. Kerr,- from his friends Engineers of the Great Western Railway - 1854"- May you be all happy - and with my sincere and warm regards.- Yours kindly and faithfully.

John W. Kerr Esq.

Confidential!

Hamilton! Ont.—
7. October 1867.

My dear friend, Archie Cameron!—....

Your kind favour was duly received. I sent forward the Petition, and your letter, there will be no change in the "Bona Sessio" it will remain just as it is.— I have seen Mr. Wicksteed, and I saw James Hendrie, of Bank, Hamilton and Bay,— who bought Jail from J. Brooks, during the first months of this year, ending on 31st August last.— If the Department offer you employment as Fishery Overseer, at Killarney,— as a friend, and brother, I advise you accept it.— I am satisfied in my mind at last that you should have the appointment.— to extend as far as Point William Island,— and Lower Islands on the south,— and to the Manitoulin on the north! Fishing Lessees

Islands, and the Manitoulin Islands, and public waters, between the first mentioned islands on the north and Bruce, Simcoe, Victoria, and Durham,— the Rice Lake,— and the Trent River,— and the Bay of Quinte, and the Bay of Fundy,— there would also have to be kept on the public waters of Georgian Bay,— three men and two boats during these times!—

I have not made my official report yet, but I am prepared for one as!—

1. Bruce,— fishing 21 miles of gill nets each, at 1 ½ dollars per— per year 31½ dollars,— fishing 7 miles, of gill nets each boat,— besides seines and skiffs, and one white people the managers are fishing there.—

The Province is satisfied the Lessee fishing nothing I report under the management of the fisheries department, I am a Lessee, with

expire on 31st of December next, and I cannot recommend either a 5. or a 10. years lease of the Public waters other for - 865. Square miles of Georgian Bay - to be handed over to the tender mercy of your Managers - would no doubt looked upon in these days of the Knights of labour as a smart thing - well then dont they wish they may get it - I cannot yet see my way however to recommend it. - - -

Too many Boats - fishing in Georgian Bay - Surrounded with 1064 - miles of Fine note, - No decent fish can stand it - If you have any thing of importance - writing me by first mail Boat - from Killarney after you receive this, - dont open your mouth to a soul but I advise you to accept the position of Overseer - I shall note, and recommend [illegible]

I send you a Public Notice - of Close Season - from the Deputy Minister, - and dated Ottawa, 1st of October 1897 - In case you have business near, I send you them. -

No news at present, I send the Sentinel - which is always welcome. - - -

It appears the Indians of Christian Island and Parry Island are very much annoyed by the Black Bass fishing and such another fishing, they will have to be look up the Rivers, and punish them. -

With kind and warm regards to you and [illegible]

Believe me, Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

David Boyle Esq
Fishery Overseer
Killarney Ont

Memo: Jas L. P. Bennet Esqre
Fisheries Department,—
Ottawa! Ont.—

My Friend & Sir

Dear Sir

I must not forget to mention the multitudes of persons engaged fishing in Owen channel...
All Gill net fishing should be stopped in Owen channel.. The Indians alone might be permitted to troll there for Trout in the proper season - when Tons of fish are caught by Troll: All Trout, and white fish on their way through Owen channel from Lake St ... to Georgian Bay - to spawn.... This channel is about 2 miles wide at the entrance from Lake Huron, and after extending for a distance of 9 miles, the channel widens out on the east, until it becomes about 6 miles wide when it enters

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Georgian Bay. The Indians under the Chief of the Georgian Bay Band of Ojibbeway Indians - on the west side - and Cockburn Island - on the east of Manitoulin Island, except the Georgian Bay - on the other side: about 6 miles distant...
I would like to have some words with the report, and point out those things to the Deputy - and the minister also the Chief! and then I would show them I am no bigot, after all.. The fish are to be much more in number and size, I am altogether more strictly confined to Trout - for your fishery laws are no...
About your decision that I am to publish the notice the Owen Sound Times will not get it from me publish the decision & give me the report... I have written Mr. D. Sinclair of Killarney - to close the opposite fishing stations from the Harbour - since the boat to that fishing point, Collins Inlet, Killarney.

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I spoke of your Mackerel
fishing in Georgian Bay – at Owen
Killarney – Clark Island – Manitou Rock
Lyons Island – and Collingwood –
then am I have ever before –

Mary: Clark – you see his pictures up
in our – Charles Duffy – of Collingwood
who fishes at Byng Inlet, is a
supporter of all you are doing! – he
would have the Collingwood – from the
fishing grounds which I was there –

The Hotel keepers are somewhat the
same – no matter what the number of
amongst the fishermen, when you
have – it is the settlers – and they like
to see you with them – I assure with them
and the grey Mackerel the whole
days – Good and prosperous may
be your lot. –

Yours respectfully –
Hamilton! – John Dixon – Esq
12. Oct. 1887

Mr.

towards by Lyons Island – the Owen Sound, at the East by South end of Manitoulin Island – including Lyons Island Clark Island Smoky Island – together with all the lesser Islands – including the Rock stands – you will require a good man at Killarney – Give him about $ 100 – a year! besides he votes for your friend Mr. Dawson – M. P. at his last Election – My leg, thigh and knee inflaming all the time – When I am coming down with my report I will bring you something –

I had a letter from Henry – last Christmas last week – All his Family Well is coached out again, he is going the same as they his new fishing Herring and Pickerel gills nets for the balance of the year. In consequence of losses sustained by Henry and other fishermen not nearer might be allowed the fish gill nets – after fourth week – one net and taken only for the balance of the year –

Yours

Memo: for L.O. Board Lafe
Fisheries Department.—

Memo! Ist.—

I received a letter from D: Cameron of Killarney.- this day of which the following are the particular part of said letter! thus:

"I was at Shequindah the
"Last on the 5th inst. In Indian
"Harbour, on the south east end of the
"Manitou Island.- There were then 40.
"Boats Crew Campers there?....
"Bad River, between Red Gravel
"and Thessalon River, is the objective point
"The Migration has set in down this
"way and I expect there will be there
"40. Boats Crew there soon,- and should
"there coming the two first weeks in
"There being they should be made
"from there Fishing for, while they are
"not there, and observe the Laws of

the Country".. -

I think as this [illegible] matter this was what I wrote you about.- this engine and I wanted to see them all out.- I am not afraid of the water! any the more, now I am got there.- and as [illegible] with them any thing about it.- while I am in the midst of them....

I am sent Charlie Bay, on which a [illegible] hole with a small stone to put up on each for me,- that when I write them for something- the title of which you have some knowledge of Lights you must have no fears about me!.-

I am ready with the engine,- Charlie will tell you all this matter me,- may make an arrangement in case the Department approve of my plan! an application must be sent. to stop the Practice of fishing during these seasons,- and not these seasons is the proper time to do it; and who can do this with more

2nd

Memorandum for S. H. Canal Supt.
Welland Canal.—
Sir,—

Sir, Requisition here of Gish—Shell
1. Can.—2,000—pounds—from Collingwood on
Friday afternoon,—in each Can.—1 Can,—
consigned to S. H. Davis Esq.—Detroit.—
A Steamer, the Telegram—runs from
Collingwood to Detroit Mich.—mostly freighting
the Lake—Steamer—is a tough little—the
Ramona—could not stand the storm.—
The freight Car, containing the Shipping
Cans,—was taken on to the Canada Shore
at Beaten Junction,—for Hamilton!—and
from Hamilton to Detroit.—Safely!—
I forwarded the report and evidence
to John Tilton Esqr Deputy minister of
Fisheries—Ottawa.—Lincoln and Welland
Com! Should not be removed another
season!—it was right.—this write you
more fully on Monday.—
Hamilton! Oct. 22. 1887.—
Yours respectfully,—
S. Wilmot.—

Hamilton!—
18. Oct 1887.
Yours respectfully,—
S. Wilmot.—

P.S.—a great Disgrace occurring in the
Province—after my report—and the day and
hour!—I hope you will excuse—Error.—

Hamilton! Ont.-
19. October 1887....

Sir.-

I Have the honor to send you herewith, Bank Draft, No: 518, for the sum of Fifteen dollars.-

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as fishery license fees,- during this current year of 1887- as follows:- Viz:-

1. F.A. Carey,- Burlington Beach.- For License already received!- amount. $ 11.00
2. Samuel Carey,- Burlington Beach.- For License already received!- amount.- $ 4.00
3. George Young- Port Nelson,- For a Seine License to fish 250 yards of Seining gill net in Lake Ontario, fronting on the village of Port Nelson- Home limit, two miles to the west to fish for family use!- $ 1.00
4. John Robinson, Wm!- do,- do,- do,- do:- $1.00
Respectfully submitted!- Total- $ 16.00

and Recommended! 3/54.-

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,-
Your Obedient Servant,-
[illegible]

To Deputy Minister, Fishy Comm!-
Department of Fisheries,-
Ottawa!- Ont

Hamilton! - Ont. -

Sir. - October 20th 1884.

In obedience to the instructions conveyed in your letter of 31st ult August last, directing me to proceed to Georgian Bay, for the purpose of enquiring into the dissatisfaction and troubles which were said to exist among fishermen there, and subsequently enjoining me to conduct my investigation in Company with C. Gamon Esqre Barrister of Collingwood; I left Hamilton on the 4th inst, and on my arrival at the latter place, immediately waited upon Mr Gamon and acquainted him with my instructions... He informed me that owing to his partner's absence on a Commission, he could not possibly go with me... He then gave me a Memorandum of the things which he desired to be enquired into and left me apparently well pleased. -

I then went round the Collingwood fishermen, and took evidence whenever and wherever I could get it..

I visited Killarney, French River, Club Island, Meaford, Wiarton, &c, - and the result of my investigations is shown on the 61 pages of evidence annexed to this report. ---

It is quite possible, you may find this evidence rather bulky, and a great many repetitious and unnecessary things therein; but, I deemed it better to listen to all Complaints, and to take down the fishermens Statement in writing as they came from their mouths, so as the better enable you to fully understand the under currents of this yearly recurring fuss. -

John Tilton Esqre
Deputy Minister of Fisheries. -
Ottawa. ---

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As already stated, the evidence speaks for itself and it is unnecessary for me to dilate thereon.- I can, however, say that, having gone through the whole thing, I thoroughly the whole business and come in contact with almost every fisherman; I found no grievances to complain of, and as a sensible fisherman, William Roberts, says in his evidence page 53.- "Now that we have arrived where we are, it is best to let things drop"...

Cause and Origin of the Trouble....

From a previous knowledge of fishermen at Georgian Bay.-and an intimate acquaintance with matters there, I may safely say at the outset.- That, the whole cause of the trouble is to be found in the grasping monopoly hitherto pursued by the Nobles, culminating in the granting to them of that famous Squaw Island lease.... My previous reports have so fully posted the Department about these matters that I need not dwell on them further than to say, the locking up of nearly 200, square miles of the finest and most accessible fishing waters in Georgian Bay, for the benefit of a single firm, was a great mistake....

As must naturally have been expected, the fishermen revolted against thus being excluded from waters where from time immemorial they had resorted to, and been in the habit of fishing....

Encroachments on the Nobles lease naturally followed; the lessees tried to protect their privileges and failed, the local Fishery Overseer, Patton, (a brother in law of the Nobles,) strongly urged the Department to send an armed force to subdue the fishermen, and assist the Monopoly.- Fortunately, there was

advices were not listened to; otherwise bloodshed would have been the result.-

Patton was dismissed, and rightly too; Concessions were made to the fishermen, in the shape of reduction of license fees, and something like order again prevailed....

Having deeper designs in their minds, the next move on the part of the Stobles was to secure a lease of Squaw Island itself, from the Indian Department, with the intention of establishing riparian titles... I understand they pay $225. rent for a bare Island of no value whatever, except for its harbor, while they get from The Fisheries Department a lease of about 200 square miles of the finest fishing grounds in Georgian Bay, for the paltry consideration of $100, a year....

Finding that the Squaw Island game did not work, the Stobles subsequently induced several fishermen to join them and apply, as a Syndicate, for another lease, with much greater limits extending from Cedar Harbour to French River, an area of 865 square miles of the richest fishing grounds in Georgian Bay....

The Syndicate and the new Lease applied for...

I am happy to say, the Department did not entertain the granting of this lease, nor favor the establishment of such a large Monopoly....

Rather have closed down Georgian Bay altogether and decreed that no one would in future be allowed to fish there except with the permission of the Stobles, and in compliance with the

terms and conditions framed by this precious Lycurgus. --- The idea was simply preposterous, and I need not dwell further on the absurdity of the proposal, further than to say, it would have been as unpopular as it is impolitic. ---

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"Yankee Fishermen at French River. . . .

In July 1886.- Fred: Lincoln, of Alpena, Michigan - having invited by Charles Noble came all the way from the United States, to fish at Lyman Island. . . He did so, and sold his fish, (nearly all white fish,) to the Nobles. . . On my asking Charles Noble, whether it was true he invited Lincoln to fish at Lyman Island, he positively denied having done so; but after mentioning the matter to W: A: Clark, and Alfred Montgomery, they told me they were present and heard Charles Noble, invite Lincoln to come on and he would buy his fish. . . This was the beginning of the introduction of Americans fishing in Georgian Bay waters. .

The fishermen of Collingwood and elsewhere very naturally object to Lincoln and Mc Lean, fishing in Georgian Bay, between Collins Inlet, and Shawanaga Point, with 6 boats and a Tug. - The privilege is an extensive and valuable one, and for new comers, on the arrival at French River, to be thus rushed into the best fishery of Georgian Bay, when the surrounding grounds are already over crowded, cannot but prove an extravagant way of doing business. . . I perfectly understand how the thing occurred, and that it was due to the stupidity of ex Overseer James; but the thing is not the less unpopular for all that, and will in the future give the Fisheries Department more

trouble than ever the Squaw Island did ....

In order to show you to what extent fishing is carried on, I enclose a list of Stations on Georgian Bay, with the number of Tugs and Boats fished at each station during the early part of 1887.--

	Tugs:-	Boats:-
Squaw Island..	2..	50..
French River..	"	9..
Byng Inlet..	"	13..
Point Abbreissey...	"	12..
Mackay's Island..	"	4..
Stokers Island..	"	7..
Snake Island..	"	4..
Cabots Head..	"	6..
Tobin Mercy..	2..	16..
Club Island..	1..	6..
Meaford...	2..	4..
Totals..	7. Tugs.	131. Boats.

A total of 7. Tugs, and 131. Boats..

Each Tug manages 80. Nets,- of 600. Yards each,-- equal to 36.000. yards of Gill Nets....

The 7 Tugs, altogether, 252.000,- Yards of Gill Nets, 143 Miles in length....

Then; there are 131 Boats, each boat managing 7 miles, of gill nets when fishing, equal to 917 miles: when added to the Tugs,- makes 1.060 miles of gill nets now being fished in Georgian Bay.--

I do not think that with such figures to stare us in the face, it is very advisable to offer inducements to Yankees, who have exhausted their own fishing grounds, in Lake Michigan, to come and help destroying our own, and this is what the thing will come

to, sooner or later; if a sharp check is not put on the present movement ...

"The Close Season, for Trout and White fish...

With the exception of the Nobles who want the Close season curtailed by 15 days, I may say general satisfaction prevails about the present dates... The only remark I heard made was to the effect that it should be strictly enforced, and an efficient staff of Guardians employed all along the Coast and around the Islands, during the whole month of November....

Were the present Close Season to begin, on the 20th or 23rd inst. of October, it would be perfect; however, I am satisfied, that the present dates strictly enforced will go a long way towards giving needful protection to the fish during their breeding period...

Any attempt to have the present Close Season either curtailed or changed, should therefore be steadily resisted.... Herein in a great measure depends the future welfare of Georgian Bay Fisheries.... The catch in 1886, during 4 months which was fully 600 tons, at Squaw Island, will probably not amount to more than 60 tons, at Squaw Island, this season, during a similar period of 4 months...

Conclusion....

To conclude: I beg to suggest that for the better protection of the fisheries in Georgian Bay, the following recommendations to be adopted...

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1.- The lease of Squaw Island which expires in December next, should on no account be renewed, as it utterly failed to accomplish any of the objects for which it was obtained, except creating a monopoly, and displeasing fair minded fishermen;-

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2.- On no account whatever should the request of a Syndicate, to lease the exclusive fishery privilege of nearly the whole portion of the Northern shore of Georgian Bay be entertained, as it is most unpopular and impolitic;-

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3... The licenses granted to Lynch and Gillies should not be renewed another season... This will give untold satisfaction and help to smoothe a great many difficulties... It will in no wise prevent Davis, and Bigg- from purchasing all the fish they want, and this latter part of the business should be encouraged, because, fishermen are thereby enabled to get better prices for their fish, than under the Nobles monopoly;---

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4.- Each boat should be limited to a certain maximum of fish they may: 7,000 yards per boat;-

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5.- The same rule should apply to fishing Nets; each Net being limited to 24,000 yards of gill nets;

6.- No gill nets should be allowed under 6 inch mesh, as directed by law, and all gill nets found in the water under that measure should be confiscated...

7.-

7.- Each Boat to pay a license fee of $10.- instead of $5.- as at present, on the ground that the value of fish has advanced from 5. to 8. cents, and will probably soon reach 10 cents, owing to the increasing competition.- Besides; $10.- was the old rate, and it was not too high;-

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8. Each Tug employed fishing to pay a license fee of $50... per year;-

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9.- All fees payable strictly in advance, and no one to be allowed to fish, until he has paid for and obtained his license;-

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10. And as a further protection to fishing fish, the waters of Georgian Bay, known as Owen Channel, flowing between Fitzwilliam Island, and the South Eastern extremity of Manitoulin Island, shall be set apart against all fishing, and reserved as natural spawning grounds;-

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Respectfully Submitted!-

[illegible]-

Fishery Overseer-

Middle and Upper

Division- Lake-

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Copy.-

-Ottawa.!-

13. October 1887..

Sir.- I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 8th instant, transmitting a Petition from L. and J. Noble, and 28 others, praying that the close season for White fish and Salmon trout be shortened so as to permit of fishing from 15th to 30th of November, and to inform you that the Minister regrets being unable to comply with this request... Please inform the Misses Noble accordingly.-

I am, Sir,-
Your Obedient Servt
John Tilton...
Deputy Minister of
Fisheries...

J. W. Kerr Esq
Hamilton.-
Ont...

Hamilton, Ont.-
20. October 1887..

I beg to forward you the ——— above with the names I received for your Petition, to the Hon. Sir [illegible] Minister of Marine and Fisheries...

With you the petitioners [illegible] the Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries [illegible]

[illegible]

I hope it will meet the approval of the Deputy and the Minister. I began writing this morning at 6. A.M.— it is now 2. P.M., and I am at Aldie.... I hope you are all well.. I will shortly come up and see you all.... I suppose if Jorge Rose and Bailey,— have gilt nuts. perhaps they might gild them.... Just as you buy!—

I have no news to tell you, except every one is as busy as a Bee.— or a Miller. preparing and getting out documents for the Electoral Commissioners:— I asked permission to come down to Ottawa, with my Report.— all are so busy.— my visit has to be put off. for a more convenient season. says Cornet.....

With my warm regards.— and best wishes to you and yours. My Dear Children me Yours sincerely.

J. C. Aikins. M.D.

Hon. J. C. Aikins. Dept. of Interior. Ottawa. Ont. Oct. 20th. 1879.

My dear Dr. Aikins.—

In my letter to you of the 16th inst., on your file not finding. I may have the pleasure of meeting you at Aldie. I write this Note, about your finding file note.— In as the enclosed your name and keep them from riding. V. V. V.—

Here is his answer: thus!— I don't see much objection to that.— you can see your own Judge. ment in the matter.... Emery is a decent fellow, and it is always a pleasure for me to oblige him as far as lies in my power. Let him I wish to!—

You oppose the Ex. K.— will this Cornet get your gilt nuts and bring you them fish away....

I get my report away as right

Hamilton! Ont.-
22. October 1887.-

Sir.-

I send you herewith Bank draft, No:532. for the sum of Thirty five dollars....

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year 1887.- as follows!- Viz:- :-

1. John Fertile. Route;- For Boat license to fish two Boats- in Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Halton. Amount!- (License fee $) $ 10.00 +

2. James Joyce.- Route; On account of Boat license already received!- - $ 5.00 +

3. John Inglestow.- Route.- For a Boat license already received to fish in Lake Ontario, fronting on the County of Halton.- $ 5.00 +

4.- William Joyce.- Route!- For a license to fish two Boats in Lake Ontario, fronting on the County of Halton. Amount.- $ 10.00 +

5. Messrs Isaac Dunbar, and Robert Rock, of Grimsby.- For a Boat license to fish 600 Yards of Herring gill net in Lake Ontario fronting on Lots Nos. 21. 22. and 23.- township of Clinton.- Amount as.- $ 5.00 +

Total.. $ 35.00 +

6. William Collard.- Route.- For a Boat license to fish two Yards of Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Halton. The amount as follows.- Please refer to my letter of 22nd June 1887.- where you will please refer to: R.- Robert Rock.- Grimsby. Should have received nothing! Will you please give Mr. Collard the benefit of the doubt?.... This Oblige!!!-

Respectfully Submitted.-

The Deputy Minister.-
Department of Fisheries.-
Ottawa!-

D. Whillans.-
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton! Ont.—
23. October 1887.—

My dear Brother Cameron!—

Yours duly received, and its contents sent the Department.—

If you can advise me for certain that the 40. Boats are fishing during the early part of November, in Georgian Bay.—between Killarney and French River, by your apprising me, so that I may be able to catch them at their illegal work, than do so! for certain, and I will try and get these, for this thing has to be stopped!— and you will have to assist in stopping it! people have had their own way long enough.— It is now time to end it!!!—

I had a letter from Mr [illegible] yesterday, thus:— "However, I'll tell you how things stand"...—"Joe Wilson is here".— "He leaves on tomorrow or saturday for Sault St. Marie — via Collingwood".— On his way up, he will stop at Killarney

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swear Cameron, and give him detailed instructions"?— And Mr. Barnett adds!—

"You might write this to Cameron!!!—

If illegal fishing is being carried on, and you find out where it is — in due time, I have got my instructions — and please do you keep me posted, and quickly!— for if I act I must do so quickly: and be amongst them — and give them a surprise! they will remember for some time to come — Close Season! must and shall be kept.— Please bear this in mind.—

Sep. — large Refrigerator cars — of fish, landed at Collingwood, from French River, passed over the North West Railway — on last friday afternoon, addressed to S. H. Davis, and Coy, — Detroit. — Has the Remora, — stopped running — please inform me! And also who is buying the fish of the 40 Boats, — you referred to, in your last. — I mailed on yesterday on yesterday, the Ministers answer to J. & E. Noble

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and 25 others petition to extend the "close season" for Trout and White fish. - The Deputy Minister says:- In reply.- The Minister regrets being unable to comply with this request".- And tells me:- "Please inform the Messrs Nobles accordingly". — And this I have done on yesterday.---

Lincoln, the Nobles, &c- will be all buying fish- Given the 40 Boats,- any one else?-

I got up and sent in my report on yesterday; it is just 61. pages of evidence, with 8- pages of a report.—

I have endeavoured to do my duty- as between man and man.- The Public. The Government.- The fishery laws.- The Syndicate.- Squaw Island lease of 200 square miles- of Monopoly No: 1- Given to J. and C. Noble,- to expire next December, and the Big Monopoly of 865 Square miles of your best fishing grounds in G. Bay; between Cedar Harbour and Thrush River and the Buttards.— With Squaw Island

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as the Seat of Government.-

I must stop now until the report is made public.- That is if it shall ever see the light of day.---

I have a good deal to tell you when I see you, which will be in Nov. no doubt,- if I come this way.- Returning.-

Write me just week early- as Toronto Mr Ranost says: to me. Keep yourself well posted, and if you see good reasons for believing that the fishing is really carried on there, go.--

F. G. M. Fraser of Victoria Harbour, has charge of the whole of J.- Mink Island, to Collins Inlet as his assistant at Parry Sound.--

And now you have received a long letter from me, if it were not for

Hamilton: Ont.—
28. October 1887.—

My dear Peter!—

Many thanks for the 2 pair of wild ducks.— Will you be pleased to send me 12 pair of good ducks. good in condition and every thing else. Pin Tails. Gray duck and Mallard— A pair of good Canvass Backs.— and Blacks.— I want big for a friend in Ottawa!— and big pair for myself.— Dont fail— your money is all right.— I hope you are all well. Kindly remember me to the members of your family. Same all well: I have been for big snipe away in Georgian Bay.— got home week before last.—

And with my warm regard— and friendship as usual.— Believe me!—

Peter Pain Esqre Yours Sincerely—
Fishing Canada — John D'Hou—

How much trouble you might be able to find out the names of all the owners of Boats fishing between your place and Sand River, or in any other place— and who are the buyers,— and who are the packers,— all and every thing about them— for when I go.— I want my way to be paved from the start so that every thing may turn out a grand success,— besides I want you to have all the honor of the thing.—

I am glad the Chickens arrived safe Kindly remember me to Mrs Cameron— And believe me: Yours Sincerely,—

And Fraternally,—

Dan: Cameron Esqre — John D'Hou—
Fishing Canada,— J.D.
Killarney,— Ont.—

Hamilton, Ont.,
23rd Oct. 1887.

Sir,-

In my report to you, dated the 20th inst. on Georgian Bay fisheries,

I wish to have the words "Another season," struck out of my recommendation No: 3, and after the words: should not be renewed, make it to read after the expiry of the Close Season of 1887."

I have been told S. H. Davis, and buyer Foreman and buyer David Lincoln, at French River, intends purchasing and buying fish, during Close Season, provided the Steamer Telegram will continue to run from Collingwood to Midland and French River, during November next.

Respectfully Submitted.

John Wilson
Fishery Overseer,
Hamilton & Lynn Divisions 1887.

John Wilson Esqre
Deputy Minister of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

Purchase fishing Licence for 1887.

Obtain Name buyer Residence.

Obtained.

Licence on 24th Oct. 1887.

Messrs! Jos S. O. Bennet Esqrs.
Fisheries Department.—
Ottawa.—

I have not seen Colonel David Tisdale, M. P.— No time yet awhile.— I intend leaving on tomorrow morning for Lake Erie, beginning at the west end of Elgin, then east to Port Burwell. Home again, and wait for Georgian Bay.— "Close season".— I have written to Cameron, and you may rely upon my word,— he will never deceive either you or I.— Mr. Dawson is wrong in his opinion about Cameron; he is married to a Indian wife, and hence some people dont like him on that account, but she is a splendid woman nevertheless!— I got satisfied to voted for Mr. Dawson, at last Election. he was assistant returning officer, I only for your private but for Wilson,—

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Mr. Dawson would have been defeated.— Mr Trades with the Indians. You may remember that in 1876.— I had 25 dollars worth of fish seized and confiscated at Owen Sound, bought them from Killarney— on account the Steamer, Francis Smith.— He never had an unkind feeling against me on that account.— He has a distant way about him— but has his friends— and enemies, as well as other people.— I hope he will accept the position you offered him.— Charles Noble— has had some of the troubles of this life this Year:— his wife and two children died!— Collingwood is now his home! he has built him a New Home— there for the balance of his children— so that if any thing happened to him, they would have a home.— he told me so himself.— We are good friends— and talk matters over occasionally.— Of course

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Langlands appeals me to do my duty.- Major Gilkison, and his promises made to be broken - however, he did not fool me any - for I may tell you upon my sacred word of honor, that when he urged me to get the letters - I had no faith in him or what he said. - -

The words of Old Paddy my - a friend of mine 50 years ago - came in to my mind like the time he was making the good promises, showering them all over me! "Place no confidence in man, for if you, he will deceive you!" - why only for you, where would I be!! - Dear then he told Messrs Mr Adam Brown, Alexander McKay, and F. M. Carpenter, M.P.P. promotion was impossible, but he would make it up in special duty. perhaps my loose state at the time might lead him to think mother earth - would soon claim me as

her own! - And then to tell her pastor, he might communicate it all to me! - He also told Mr Adam Brown, that he would employ me specially, - and pay me accordingly. -

Well he will have the report. the greatest report that ever passed thro' my hands - Well we will see what we will see and I hope how else. - -

I wrote the Deputy Minister today, - and I asked him to have the words: "Another season" - struck out of my recommendation No: 3. of Georgian Bay - report, and make it to read by adding after the words: should not be renewed after the expiry of the Close season of 1897. - - I have given my reasons. - - - My best and true friend, I sincerely thank you. - the broken strings in my lyre are filling up again - ready for another Spring Life. - - -

24 Oct. 1897. - A. [illegible] Jr.

Hamilton, Ont. —

Sir,

27th October 1887.

I have to report, that the efforts made by Mr. B. Woolcard, of Port Credit, Jobbery, through his friends, to induce me to recommend him for an exclusive right to the Public Waters of Lake Ontario, fronting on the County of Peel, as against every other Fisherman; — is impracticable, impossible, and is incapable of being accomplished by the means employed at my command: — that is I dont feel disposed in the present case to damage or injure the Bronte Fishermen; who have brought the Bass and Herring Fisheries of Lake Ontario, by their indefatigable perseverance and industry — so prominently before the Public, as the Market for this favourite winter smoked fish, which have become so highly prized with the people in all the Cities, Towns, and Villages of Ontario & Down.

The Bronte Fishermen have been fishing for several years past, in this part of the public waters of Lake Ontario, fishes there during last season; and before Mr. B. Woolcard put from Lake Lupwin, as they fishermen say! — with a fishing purse, settles down in Port Credit, and at a good deal of expense, goes into this profitable Bass and Herring fishing business, which was established in the first place at Bronte, in the County of Halton. — —

And I suppose because he does so, he considers the Bronte fishermen must in future keep away outside of the County of Peel. — In other words, thus far! and no further. — Please send my report for year of 21st May last 1887. — to Hamilton.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries, —
Ottawa! —

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On the 6th inst. of August last, you wrote Jno. Dafoe for a license for Mr. B. Woolland, thus:- and this license was subsequently granted. ---

2. Wm B. Woolland, Port Credit. "For a Boat license to fish in the public waters of Lake Ontario, fronting on the County of Peel," viz:-

6,000 Yards, of Cord, White fish, and Herring gill nets. - The amount here is, - - - - $5.00 -

"I recommended that you write to please the grant Mr. W. B. Woolland's license" - and you have so. ---

You write thus so - that license only gives Mr. W. B. Woolland, - the privilege of fishing 6,000 yds. of gill nets, - in the waters of Lake Ontario, fronting on the County of Peel. - And other fishermen enjoy - like privilege for fishing under license in the public waters of the County of Peel. - -

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The licenses granted by you to the more numerous fishermen at Oakville, - for they have 21, Oakville fishing as compared with Woolland - but,

"In that portion of the public waters of Lake Ontario, fronting on the County of Halton" ---

Last year the Oakville fishermen fished where Woolland objects to their fishing now; and Woolland, I am told, fished last year and this in the public waters fronting on the County of Halton.

The Oakville fishermen never considered for one moment that the licenses empower and entitle them to exclude Burlington Beach, - fishermen from fishing gill nets in Lake Ontario, fronting on Burlington Beach, and which rests in front of the County of Halton, ---

Mr. Woolland, like the Oakville fishermen in

doing well! like them has gone to much expense in getting up and establishing them and having fishing at Port Credit - the building and erection of proper fish and smoke Houses, - fish boxes, - and all have made property by fishing. - - -

There shall be no more fuss and confusion. It shall not be said that I have favoured one man, - class, Province, against the many. - I am no monopolist, - because I have seen the bad result that follows that pernicious system in foreign lay. - I am no commercial Monarch. I delight in seeing my Fellow men prosper, living harmoniously and happy together. - -

And as they have arrived where they are, I would recommend them to drop all fuss and nonsense. - "Never stump the bull, lord save us!" I want no Monopoly. - - -

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I attach a petition from the Credit fishermen, to the Legislature, asking permission to continue fishing this season in the public waters of Lake Ontario, fronting on the County of Peel, - the same as they have now had for one and twenty previous years. - - I respectfully recommend, that only Five Pounds of the whole fishermen be granted this privilege this year.

1. Mr. Hughes - - 5. Thomas Jones
2. James G. Jones - - 6. A. G. Jones - -
3. Robert Jones - - 7. John Hicks - - -

There will be some difficulties for us Chiefs of Credit belonging to the above mentioned fishermen, I should be happy to assist them in obtaining the above privilege for the year. The Chiefs of Credit

C.

[illegible] one Court only in the public rooms of Little Rock - pending on that portion of the County of [illegible] between Lime Creek - belonging - and the Town Line between the County of Pulaski, and the County of [illegible] - The Reason for the 4th - for each Court and that I hope will stop the [illegible] - -

The case is presented to you in the letter of request of Lyon - Jones & Miller - J. P. of Pulaski - and I shall be of the opinion with that Joseph - or Thomas Woods - Jailor of Pulaski who sick for R. A. Lyon - of Pulaski - must - Jail - they must be remitted, - as they are at present sheriffs - - If requirement must be [illegible] and by the Authority of the Department - I will endeavour to do my duty - -

I think our Legislature will I hope give you ample power with me / that the [illegible] have [illegible] before them on the 1st Monday -

Respectfully - [illegible] -

[illegible]

[illegible]

Hamilton. —

Headquarters Dept. N. O. Camp Parapet
Military Department. —
Office. —

I got home here on last night. —
and now send you report — Enclosed
despatch. — I think this close is any of
your families left the Country. — Gibbons
Comm. — your obedient. —

The infirmary Court will be held at
this Church, at 2. p.m. — next Saturday. —
Prisoners of the Guard on Tomorrow, on Sa-
turday, and Sunday the Church, you it a pris-
oning Church. — The Court Martial for this
Day Adjourn sine die — Saturday. —

Also with your Policy on Tomorrow. —
many thanks for your long Letter. — I sup-
pose Richmond will be quite empty
by now. Many are out of the Militia
of the Colonies — Yesterday — the County of
Kent, this was also Lieutenant Colonel
James Hamilton was appointed Major

the a. — Many and Jersey — are out, as
to receive your Kind Letter giving many
with — which others are happier —

Lt. Col. Hamilton. Hartley. Church — this
day. the other day. — Lieutenant Colonel
has gone down to bring him the Lady —
Hamilton — getting — home after
the Battle and —

I suppose that Jane Hamilton — upon the
gone the grave of a Church — Lieutenant Col
— Colonel Hamilton — Jane has been
Hamilton the gone the — in Hartley gone the Col
Lieut and other Gentlemen — Lieutenant
and something for the — Church

There are Lieutenant of Church and the
Hartley. Col Hamilton. Mr. Church — the
Col Hartley. Mr. — with Mrs gone Col
and — daughter the Col and Lieut Church
Jane Hamilton Church — and Mrs Church
of the Col. Jane Church Jane
Church. Col of County the Hartley and
the Hartley —

Jane Hamilton
Capt Col Hamilton

Quicksteel Licenses for 1887.-

Alfred J. Spurgeon Age 22 Ht. 5ft. 8in. Wt. 150 lbs. Dark Complexion. Dark

Mailed on 27th Oct. 1887.

Quicksteel Licenses for 1887.-

Jefferson Chittenden Age 21 Occ. Fisherman Complexion Dark

Mailed on 27th Oct. 1887.

Quicksteel Licenses for 1887.-

Chas. Dawson 22 Yrs. Notice -

Absalom Hoover Eagle 111

Owned & Set Fisherman, -

Mailed on 4th 111 November 1887. E

Selkirk, - Ont

Quicksteel Licenses for 1887.-

John L. Bellei Age 21 Occ. Blacksmith - Toronto - Ont. Complexion Dark

Mailed on 27th Oct. 1887. E

Quicksteel Licenses for 1887.-

Mr. George Deering - Port Nelson. - Man. -

Mailed on 27th Oct. 1887. E

Mem: for L. A. General Supply.
Victoria Department.—
Ottawa. Oct.—

I am sorry to tell you Captain St. Denis, of the Hudson Bay Co. has lost every thing. Horses, and all—and does not own any thing there!— He is now mostly employed as the head Establishment at a wealthy colony.— You pity him, and protect us!—

I have a letter from Cameron, on Monday last;— just as I was starting for Lake Ste! he says:— I am informed there is a Band out, but how I know Indian spirit, near Catfish Island, on the north side of the Montgomery Sioux Reserve, about 10 miles from here.— I write Captain Wilson on this matter, but I have since the ... [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] from this Band not to set in the fence?"— "That you should not this time to go out with me, and I presume it would be the same now, when and they must be brought from a distance"?—

Captain Wilson on his return home when he arrives at Ottawa, this morning by the Cars— should they not have this Band not [illegible]!—

He says he may have other [illegible] from Winnipeg— I do not know the [illegible] of [illegible] Band Chief, and Billy and will [illegible] presidio. I will call and take Dr. Thom— of Victoria Hudson— with me,— as the place of our operation will be in his Division.

Alby, Edith, promises to come— and if it so happens that we go, he will send me with a Horse and buggy,— as the [illegible] Seat of Government, and will [illegible] a good time of the [illegible]

Yours

your own with Mary: thank off no go! I must tell you I could not go with any Mrs. Hick and Mary. I go only with one like myself, who will have their hands like myself in the work. - But now you have the notice of our Trip, which will not exceed six days. - However the when I have written - will post me, - I will send you next information I remain your Lover Dear Mrs Hick I shall not write. But to Sophie Hilton - present the dear Tilton, - or Revelation! and they do happen one more! ... I expect the agent will shortly tell the Deputy Postmaster! when is that? Mr. Bentley. Mr. O. - all the way from Shepards-Between Dublin Bay - and Kingstown Dublin, - Mrs Hamilton - Mr. O. - from Clontarf. - If the agent is asked for in the House of Lords - must [illegible] with them. I will forgive the very

Lovers. - But sincerely hope to see them pursue a different course in our Politics and their protection against Tories. Several persons don't like a change get one support, but when the Election is over, and the Mr. O. only Leader! - Thus the matter stays - until the next time. ... The ships with them the gold have run into the Queens within next three ... Look for witness of the gallant Colonel, and how I wish I was with him in his Election - when I suppose he would be glad to get hold of me, but before my I pursue through Lines, on yesterday evening but I have no doubt the ships are out to sea ...

I will never support any man of his who would commence a single person from the Government ... Tell my Mother to be with me on ...

Yours faithfully

Sep. 8th 1847.

Fishery Officers.

Hamilton

1st July, 30th September 1887.

				in miles.	
July	5,	Off to Pt Dover on my way to Long point, Lake Erie, by order from department	1.	44 B. 46 Ry.	4. 30.
"	6.	From Dover to Long point and return	1.	44. Boat	5. 00.
"	7.	From Dover to Simcoe and Hamilton.	1.	62. Ry.	4 60.
"	14.	At Toronto to see D. W. Port. on fishing business	1.	98. Ry.	3. 30.
"	19.	Off for Southampton, to and by orders from the Department	1.	153. Ry.	9. 60.
"	20.	From Southampton to Gordons mile expenses the Fishways, Mr Gordon present	1.	6. B+B.	4. 25.
"	21.	From Southampton to Tobermorton, Stornoway and Hamilton	1.	B+B. 154. Ry.	10. 45.
"	22.	Off to Toronto to see Canscan Mon Johnson	1.	98. Ry.	4. 25.
"	25.	Off to London, regarding fishways in dams on the Main Thames and Consault Peter McLean, P.O. Chatham	1.	80. Ry. R.	5. 80.
"	26.	Off to Spring Bank and Byron and return, fixed the places to build Knight and Moss's fishways in their dams, — on River Thames — North Branch	1.	Board. 54. Ry.	3. 35.
"	27.	From London to Hamilton	1.	80. Ry. R.	8. 30.
August	1.	Off to Harrisburg, Tilsonburg and Port Burwell	1.	B+B. 86. Ry. R.	6. 50.
"	2.	Off to Port Bruce and Pt Stanley	2.	24. B+B.	5. 50.
"	3.	Pt Stanley to St Thomas, Tilsonburg, Brantford, Hamilton and Hamilton	on	the 4th excluded.	
"	9.	Off to St Catharines and Port Dalhousie, Thence to the Town of Niagara	1.	102. Ry	5. 40.
"	10.	At Niagara collecting fishing gear	1.	50. Ry R.	11. 70.
"	11.	At Niagara, Port Dalhousie, Pt Colborne, Dunnville, Caledonia and Hamilton	1.	10. B+B.	2. 75.
"	15.	At Niagara to see Casey Stone a Fisherman	1.	B+B. 112. Ry.	7. 70.
"	17.	On B Beach, to see the Fishermen,	1.	24. B+B.	2. 00.
"	18.	At Toronto, and Port Credit Island	1.	24. do.	2. 00.
"	22.	Off to London, thence to St Marys, to inspect Moss's fishway, and Arrange a permanent place in the dam for same, Canscan, Peter McLean of the London Division with me	1.	38. Ry.	3. 90.
"	23.	At London, attending to fishways, thence home to Hamilton	1.	122. Ry.	6. 65.
			1.	80. Ry. Do.	5. 30.
		Carried forward	23.	1,597.	$122. 60 cts.

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						in Miles.		
1887.								
August.	29.	Off to [illegible]			23,	159	122,	604.–
"	31.	At Grimsby, Jordan, and returned to Grimsby and Hamilton.–			1	39. H+B.	2,	65.–
						H+B,		
September:	2,	Off to Brants, – Collecting fishing license fees.			½ 1.	62, Ry.	½ 4.	25.–
"	5,	On A. Board Collecting License Fees.–			1.	40. do,	3.	00.–
"	7.	Off to John Co. Fisheries – Ottawa, see my report.–			1.	26. H+B.	2.	00.–
"	8.	At Collingwood, holding an enquiry into certain complaints made to the Fisheries depart[illegible]			½ 1.	95, Ry.	½ 6.	25.–
"	9.	Taking down evidence for the Fisheries dep[illegible] Ottawa.–			1.	Bd Board,	4.	00.–
"	10.	Off to [illegible] – Report in progress.			½ 1,	"	"	"
"	13.	Off to Collingwood to continue my enquiries and investigation.–			½ 1.	95, Ry.	½ 2.	50.–
"	14.	At Collingwood and then off by the Mail Steamer Pacific, to Killarney.–			1.	100, Ry.	6.	25.–
						Mail Str.		
"	15.	Thence to French River, in Robitaille Mcinamy's fishing boat. (2 days.)			2.	130, Pacific,	6.	00.–
						Fishing		
"	16,	From French River, back to Killarney. I got the information I went after.–			"	43, Boat,	12.	00.–
						Fishing		
"	17.	Taking evidence at Killarney.–			1.	43. Boat.	"	"
"	18.	Off by Pacific Steamer, for Collingwood called at Club Island, saw Dan Macdonald there, took observations.–			1.	Board,	3.	00.–
						Steamer Co.		
					2.	130, Pacific,	4.	00.–
"	19.	At Collingwood taking evidence.–			"	Board,	2.	00.–
"	20,	Off home – by Allandale – for Hamilton,			1.	93. Ry.	2.	40.–
"	23,	At Toronto, to see John Tearle.–			1.	88. do,	4.	90.–
"	27.	At Brighton, saw Jas: Clark, Picton,			1.	157. Ry.	9.	80.–
"	28.	At Brighton, and Hamilton – Returned.)			1.	157. do,	1.	90.–
"	30,	Added Omissions.–			"	"	4	00.–
		Totals,–			48.	2397,	4203.	50.–

John W. Kerr

Hamilton.–

Ont.–

Hamilton! Ont.—
31st October 1887.—

Sir.—

I have the honor to send you herewith. for your consideration and approval my account, and expenditure incurred by me on Active duty in the Hamilton, Norfolk,- London. Elgin. Georgian Bay. and Southampton Divisions of the Fisheries of Ontario! during the quarter ending the 30th September 1887.—
And amounting in the aggregate to, - - - $1,203.50¢.-

For Special Services. Add! Voucher. No: 1.- John W. Kerr. . . . — 10.00¢.-
—"— Office Rent,- —"— —"— —"— 2.- John W. Kerr. . . . —"— 5.00¢.-
—"— Stationery.- —"— —"— —"— 3.- John W. Kerr. . . . —"— 3.80¢.
—"— Postages. . . —"— —"— —"— 4.- John W. Kerr. . . . —"— 2.75¢
—"— Telegrams. . —"— —"— —"— 5.- John W. Kerr. . . . —"— 3.50¢.

Total, $228.55¢.

You will please observe that during the quarter, ending on 30th September last, I travelled 2897.- miles. - - - As set forth in Account and Diary herewith. - - And I hope the special duties with which you entrusted me:- have been discharged by me to your satisfaction. - - -

Respectfully Submitted. - - -

I have the Honor to be,
Sir. -
Your Obedient Servant,-
John W. Kerr.
"Fishery Overseer.-

The Deputy Minister. -
Department of Fisheries,-
Ottawa! -Ont. -

Hon.ble Jos. O. Aumet Esq.re
Fisheries department,
Ottawa! –

I send in the duplicate of my account for quarter ending 30. September last, amounting to $228.55 ct. – Out of that amount there is a deduction of $200,– advanced on the Georgian Bay inquiry. –

I cannot say what you may allow for the special duty, in taking evidence Georgian Bay – troubles, – I leave all that in your hands to arrange – has the report been approved of. –

The stokers were notified by me on the 13th October last, the Ministers decision – in reply to their Petition, regarding the 15 days entitlement off the Fleece season, – – – Here was another $100, advance made! which is all spent in October, arrange the matter as best you can. – I have a letter to write regarding the

Sturgeon fishing in Lake Erie. – –

Sturgeon are at present the most valuable fish – we have in Lake Erie. –

And command good prices. per pound, you may remember when we started catching them at Niagara with Hooks, and lines – and caught upwards of $2,000,– worth. – first season. – Then the fish nets [illegible] caught them – and now Pound Nets make havock in catching them – still the prices keep up! they are all sold in Buffalo, and other Cities in United States. –

My Knee not big improving. – –

I saw Squire Hamilton – and Woodland, at Credit, on last saturday. – either of them would give a premium to have their own way – in the best fishing of Lake Ontario, – fronting on County of Peel. – – –

Yours respectfully, –
John H. Kerr, –
F.O.

Hamilton,
31. Oct. 1887.

Hamilton! Ont.-
1st. November 1887.---

Sir,-

I send you herewith, a letter I have just received from Dan! Cameron of Killarney.--- This letter corroborates in ale particulars- similar inform=ation I received from other quarters, when on my re=cent trip to French River,- from Killarney.-

There are two Magistrates living in Killarney.- James Noble,- of the firm of J. and C. Noble,- and Thomas Jackman.--- They will,- buy fish caught during close season,- unless fishing is stopped by me or by some one else whose it is now being car=ried on.--- Fraser of Victoria Harbour,- should be able to intercept the steamers,- "Telegram", and- "F. B.- Maxwell",- search and seize ale fish found on Board, by your giving him orders to do so.- Miller of Owensound- might get Orders to watch these self same Steamers,- at Collingwood, and seize ale fish found on Board when they make the Harbour, at Collingwood.---

Now as regards- the Tug,- if I am ordered to Bad River by you,- the Tug will be ale sufficient for I shall go there determined to work and not to play.- I am altogether at your service!-

Command me, and I hope to be able to con=vince you and the Department what honest wil=ling hands can do under my directions, during the "Close season"- for Salmon Trout and White fish.-

My own Divisions- are ale O.K,- the Close sea=son- will be duly observed.--- Cisco fishing in Lake Ontario!- Comet Note,- badly damaged in Elgin.- I am free!- and at your service.---

The Deputy Minister, Respectfully Submitted.-
Department of Fisheries. "Will" Kell.-
Ottawa,- Ont. Fishery Overseer.-

Private.

Copy.-

Killarney.- 27. October 1887.-

My dear Ker,-

I wrote you some time ago that Bad River was the objective point.- I am convinced now that I was correct.- I am of opinion that the Steamers "Telegram,"- and "F. B. Maxwell,"- plying between French River, and Collingwood, calling at Byng Inlet, Midland, Cantaugueshene- and perhaps Waubaushene, will be used to carry fish in the close season.- There should be a sharp look out for these Steamers.---

There is so many Channels and hiding places in Bad River, that only one Tug and a Jaw man would amount to nothing, sure to be certain defeat.- Two Tugs at least with full crew, I am satisfied there is over 40. Boats,- there now, and will remain there during part of close Season.-

Yours respectfully.-

D. Cameron.-

Memorandum for S. P. Bennet Esqre,
Fisheries Department,
Ottawa! — Ent. —
Mems: Received and copy of a long report
dated New Castle, Oct. 29. 1887. — addressed
To, John Tilton Esqre
Deputy Minister of Fisheries,
Ottawa! —

Please read my report of 30, August 1884. To,
John Tilton Esqre Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Ottawa;
I find the following clause therein which is strictly
true, and contains more than Sam: Wilmots long re-
port: thus! — "By a careful examination of Dem-
"dam on last thursday evening — Mr Demary, Mr
"Gordon, and myself came to final conclusion
"that to construct a Fishway in the Centre of the
"dam at Southampton — was impracticable?? —

Please read the whole letter! —

This was approved of, by the Deputy Minister.

The first time I visited Southampton in con-
nection with this Fishway — Mr Demary, was em-
ployed rebuilding the Dam. — Fishway and
dam being carried away by a large freshet,
making it impossible during high water, for the
fish ever, to have control over the Fishway. —

The entrance in the bottom of fishway is 5' feet
by 4' feet, — the same size as the inside of the
ladder or fishway all through — from top to the
bottom. — Sam: Wilmot measured it, he
would find no 5' feet about it. — It is about
5.3' feet long, not 60' feet long! here Mr Wilmot
is at a loss again! I dont think he measured
any part of the fishway. — I dont think it prop-
er to be condemned on guess work. — — —

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Please read my letter of 22. September 1884, with appropriate estimate. To, The Deputy Minister.

The Fishway is built in the most suitable place, according to specification, that could be found, with abundance of water always in spring, when fish go up stream, and are then acceptable to the people living along the stream.—

From the commencement to the end of Wilmots report, he mentions no names,—not even the name of Mr George Gordon - the Mill owner and proprietor who built the fishway; and whom he has lied about.—

Read letter to The Deputy Minister, dated 21st October 1884.—

The Deputy Minister, gave his sanction and consent to everything done, always before I moved in the premises.— I will never submit to a Star Chamber report against me by Sam'l Wilmot.

Please read my reports to The Deputy Minister, dated 21st July 1887. and the 12th September 1887.—

Well, I would like very much to get the names of persons from whom Wilmot got his information.— One thing I do know that there are no Salmon in the Saugeen River.—

Only one Salmon out of the thousands was ever discovered there.—

Yours respectfully,—

John Wilkes—

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
1st November 1887.

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Account of Special duty on Georgian Bay,- Commencing on the 7th of September, and ending on 23rd October 1887.--

1887.-		No: of days.	No: of Miles.	Amount. £.- s.-
September,	7th Off to Collingwood, on Georgian Bay,-			
---	- by order of John Tilton Esqre Deputy Minister,	1.	95.---	6. 25.
-"-	8th At Collingwood, enquiring into Com=			
---	- plaints of Fishermen, and taking evidence	1.	-"-	
-"-	9th At Collingwood, taking evidence.	1.	-"-	
-"-	-"- Paid for Board. ---	"	-"-	4. 00.
-"-	10th Off to Stone to Hamilton,- to report			
---	- Progress. -	1.	95.---	2. 50.-
-"-	11th Copying evidence for the Department,	1.-	-"-	
-"-	13th Off to Collingwood to continue the			
---	- enquiry on Georgian Bay. ---	1.	100.---	6. 25.
-"-	14th At Collingwood, and by Steamer			
---	F. Pacific off to Killarney.-	2.	130.---	6. 00,
-"-	15th From Killarney to French River by			
---	- Boat with 2 Men,- Taking evidence	"	48.---	12. 00.-
-"-	16th Got evidence, returned to Killarney,-	1.	43.---	
-"-	17th Taking evidence at Killarney,- Ga Bay.	1.-	-"-	
-"-	- Paid Board.-	-"-	-"-	3. 00,
-"-	18th Returned by Steamer to Collingwood			
---	F. called in at Club Island,- saw			
-"-	19th Donald Macdonald, who is fishing there	1.	130.---	4. 00,
-"-	-"- At Collingwood taking evidence,	1-	-"-	
-"-	20, Paid Board at Collingwood. ---	-"-	-"-	2. 00,
-"-	20. ~~Off home by steamer to Hamilton,~~	1,-	95.---	2. 50,
-"-	21,- ~~Copying Georgian Bay~~ evidence for			
---	- the Department.-	1.	-"-	
-"-	23. At Toronto to see the Hon John Leckie,	1.	33.---	4. 90,
-"-	24. Copying G. Bay evidence for Department,	1.	-"-	
-"-	25, do,- do,- do.-	1.	-"-	
-"-	27, At Wiarton,- got Mcfs 20th James Clark,			
---	- and James M. MacKay's evidence on			
---	- G: Bay, and Lyons Island, Fisheries.	1.	157.---	3. 80,
-"-	28. At Wiarton; and back to Hamilton,	1.	157.---	1. 90,
-"-	30. Copying Georgian Bay evidence			
---	- for the Fisheries Department. -	1.	-"-	
		20.	1136.-	

see next page! - Total

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1887.-		Carried forward :- - - -	20.	1136 4/11		
October,	4th.	Off to Collingwood, taking evidence on				
- - -	-	Georgian Bay fisheries. - - - -	1.	95 "	6.	35,
- " -	5th	At Collingwood, - taking evidence. - -	1.	- " -		
- " -	6th	At Collingwood, taking evidence. - -	1.	- " -		
- " -	- " -	Paid Board. -	"	"	6.	00.
- " -	7th.	From Collingwood home to Hamilton	1.	95 " -	2.	40,
- " -	8th	Home, - writing out evidence for the				
- - -	-	Fisheries Department. - - - -	1.	- " -		
- " -	9th	do. - do. - do. -	1.	- " -		
- " -	10th	do. - do. - do. -	1.	- " -		
- " -	11th.	do. - do. - do. -	1.	- " -		
- " -	12th	do. - do. - do. -	1.	- " -		
- " -	13th	do. - do. - do. -	1.	- " -		
- " -	14th	Off to Toronto, for to see John Lucas				
- - -	-	respecting gill nets he sold to Messrs				
- - -	-	Lincoln and McLean, - fishermen, at				
- - -	-	French River, - Georgian Bay. - - -	1.	94 " -	4.	00,
- " -	21st	All day, at G. Bay, report to,				
- -	-	John Tilton, Esqre Deputy Minister, -	1. -		"	
- " -	22nd	Finished up report, and mailed				
- - -	-	the same to John Tilton Esqre				
- - -	-	Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Ottawa	1.	"		
		Totals. - - - -	33.	1420 4/11		

Correct. For days employed on special duty, and miles travelled. Ha amount, and rate of allowance per day, - I leave entirely to you for to fix. - - -

Yours respectfully. -
John W. Kerr -
Fishery Overseer.
5th November 1887.

S. P. Bamset Esqre
Fisheries Department -
Ottawa. Ont. -

(2.)

The William Kane — Hamilton —

1st to 10th July:— 30 to Lagdenten

1857.

July	5.	Off the Port Dover on way up the Lake			
		Arrived, Left Do. Left for Port Stanley			
	6.	From Port Dover to Long point	1.	46. Kgs.	4. 30.
	7.	From Port Dover to Long point, Port Stanley	1.	44. Kgs.	6. 00.
	11.	At Hamilton, to the G. T. R. and Landing	1.	12. Kgs.	4. 60.
		Passengers		Nil.	
	19.	Off for Londonderry by orders from the Postmaster.	½	1. 94. Kgs.	3. 80.
	20.	From Londonderry to Goderich	½	1. 153. Kgs.	9. 60.
		Regarding the Fishing Vessels, arrived			
	21.	From Goderich to Chicago, arrived	1.	6. Nil.	4. 25.
		Nothing and Hamilton		Nil.	
	22.	Off to Toronto to see Owners of Schooners	½	1. 154. Kgs.	10. 45.
	26.	Off to London, regarding Fishing Vessels	1.	94. Kgs.	4. 25.
		the dams on the River Thames, and to see			
		Capt Peter McCann. P.O. thereon	½	1. 80. Kgs. H.	5. 80.
	26.	Off to Spring Bank, and Byron, and			
		return to London, Thence to St Thomas			
		and return, stayed on the places for the			
		night Examined and filed Fishing Vessels in the		Round,	
		Thames.			
	27.	From London to Hamilton,	½	1. 54. Kgs.	3. 35.
August	1.	Off to Hamilton, Thence and Owen Sound,		1. 80. Kgs. H.	8. 30.
	2.	Off to Port Elgin, Owen Sound,		1. 86. Kgs. H.	6. 50.
	3.	Port Elgin, to St Thomas, Kincardine,		2. 24. Nil.	5. 50.
		Southampton, Hamilton,		Nil.	included,
	9.	Off to St Thomas, Port Stanley,		1. 102. Kgs.	11. 70.
		Thence to the Town of Kincardine,			
	10.	At Kincardine,	½	1. 52. Kgs. H.	5. 40.
	11.	At Port Elgin, Port Elgin to Owen Sound,		1. 19. Nil.	2. 75.
		Port Elgin, Southampton, Hamilton,		Nil.	
	15.	At Kincardine, to see Owners of Fishing		1. 112. Kgs.	7. 70.
	17.	Off to Port Elgin, to see the Fishermen		1. 24. Nil.	2. 00.
	18.	At Kincardine, Port Elgin,		1. 24. Nil.	2. 00.
	22.	Off to London, Thence to St Thomas		1. 68. Kgs.	8. 90.
		the night at Port Stanley,			
		Arrived at Port Stanley, Left for			
		Port Stanley, Left for London,			
	23.	At London, Thence to Fishing Vessels		1. 112. Kgs.	6. 65.
		Thence to Hamilton,			
	29.	Off to Port Elgin, Owen Sound,		1. 52. Kgs. H.	6. 60.
	31.	At Owen Sound, Port Elgin,		1. 20. Nil.	2. 65.
		Hamilton,		Nil.	
		Hamilton,	½	1. 62. Kgs.	4. 25.

Carried forward! — 25. 1.689 Kgs. 129. 50¢.

Memo: for S. O. Comst Capt.
Fisheries Department,—
Ottawa!— Ont.—

I some report the ay,— regarding the fish being shot dumped into the Skeena River,— by the Buffalo-people.— I will require a Police force— to arrest the men polluting the waters of the Skeena River!— that is— if the Department say so!—

Please look at Rec of Material.— for Fishways,— in this Case,— Langara Anch, Southampton— and my report to The Deputy Minister, dated— Hamilton,— Oct. 22nd September 1884.—

Look to the final Estimate, addressed to The Deputy Minister,— dated 27th Nov. 1884.— I am sure I feel greatly obliged, to you for the pains you are taking to protect me from the enemy.—

Hamilton!— God bless you all!— Amen.—

5. Nov: 1884.— S. Wilmot. C.E.

Hamilton! Ont. —
5. November 1887. —

Sir! —

I have the honor to send you herewith, for your consideration and approval my account and expenditure incurred by me on actual duty, in the Hamilton, Norfolk, London, Saugeen and Algoma Divisions of the Fisheries of Ontario during the quarter ending the 30th inst. of September 1887! — and amounting in the aggregate to! — $ 138.50 ct. —

Special Services! Clerk! — Voucher, No: 1, — John W. Kerr, — — 10.00 ct. —
— Office Rent, : — — — 2, John W. Kerr — — 5.00 ct. —
— Stationery, : — — — 3. John W. Kerr — — 3.00 ct. —
— Postages, — — — — 4. John W. Kerr, — — 2.75 ct. —
— Telegrams, — — — — 5, John W. Kerr — — 3.50 ct. —
Total $ 162.75 ct.

You will please observe that I travelled 1765 miles during the quarter ending on 30th inst September last: — As set forth in the Account and Diary herewith. — I received $ 100, advance in the early part of July last, which you will now please deduct from this quarters account. — —

Respectfully Submitted. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant. —
J. H. Wilson —
Fishery Overseer

To
J. O. Arnoldi Esqre
Fisheries Department —
Ottawa! Ont. —

Memo: for S. P. Bennet Esqr.
Fisheries Department,—
Ottawa; Ont.—

I send the Account and diary — for the quarter ending 30th Sept. last.—
Also the draft of my accounts and travel — and days employed in taking evidence, and making copys of same for the Department.——

Just as you have gone I'm told,— on wednesday last, I saw a man from Southampton,— and he told me Dan; McLeod, Malcolm Mackenzie, go into Partnership — next year — to fish at the Boatlands,— French River — and several other fishermen from Lake Huron besides.— I hope Lincoln and McLean, will be ordered off — from there.— If not, I apprehend and expect ye will have trouble there next year.— McLeod has been to French River,

&c.

I heard and built on the House,— so as to have abundance of ice for next years fishing.— Your words will come to pass.— I heard of Sam: Wilmot, when on his way for Southampton.— John Smith — the Emigrant Agent here told me he saw Wilmot, who was on his way to Southampton.—

Who sent him there,— has he volunteered his services, so as to get a slap at me,— Since his return from the Great Fish Exhibition in London, England,— he has never turned a Cent in paper to me!— you may recollect, how I fitted him out with fish, for that Exhibition! he elected many on their fishermen,— and took the credit of it, justly belonged to them altogether to himself.— He is a regular fraud!— You may recollect that I reported his son Charley — for standing bye at Meaford, about 4 years ago, when

&c.

James Clark, of Weiston, - bought fish from Macintosh, - and Charley Wilmot, and Coxswain Geo: S. Miller, - stood there at the fish House, - saw the transaction and shut their eyes on it. —

Now I may tell you confidently that Samuel Wilmot - need not think, when he makes a lying report against me, and Gordon - about the Fishway, - that I will allow myself to be trampled into the dirt by him; where are the fish - the millions - in his reports - he hatched out, and planted - not so often in our Lakes and Public waters - as in private mud holes. — Lake Ontario, and Erie, - show no increase whatever in either White fish or Trout. — The most valuable fish we have now in Lake Erie - are Sturgeon! - he has never hatched Sturgeon. Herring nor Ciscoes and they are now the most valuable fish we have in Lakes Erie and Ontario.

I don't suppose he: can give a Wilmotism - any more in Lake Ontario: he is sure of one on hand at Weiston, that steamer Charley. — When in Erie last summer I was told in the Griggs House a Hotel; that Charley planted seven thousand speckled trout fry in Spring Creek, finds, - where they are now I can't say! —

I was at Fort Erie, - on last Thursday, to see about that filthy stuff, that is being dumped into the Niagara River. - from the City of Buffalo, - about 30 thousand tons daily, and all in Canadian waters - on the lower side of the River! - will report officially, on Tomorrow. - Only I was cautioned by you I would have written Gordon, the Miller at Bangs Mills - he is the owner as you are aware there. - & the Wheels pass from Gordon to; for the fishway - you will find all the measurements complete. — I saw at Ferrow James Muir of Elgin opposed of it, and

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so did Mrs Blackadder - Mt. P.- who re=
commended Gordon - to be paid the full
amount for Construction of same - an unusual
thing. - Just Mun. - was delighted at the change
made from the dam - to the Mill Flume and
race. - Just let Sam: Wilmot Keep away from
him; he and his Son at the present day re=
ceive a good deal of public money - for hand=
ing fish and Stocking our Lakes with fish, -
which is a failure. - They are above their
business - Let Sam: Wilmot - look at home, and
his fulsome reports, - and compare what he
has promised year after year, with what the
present fish State of affairs are so far as
he and his darling Engineer are concerned! and
they have proved themselves incompetent fish=
ures. - Sam: Wilmot, would be better paid
off, than be Kept on to lie. - Never men=
tioned a mans name - from one end of his
report to the other. - The hidden mystery he
has tried to make of Fulsome Mill dam! - and
fishway. - At all events - he is ignorant of

Over.

what he was sent to report upon. - -

When you allow me, - I will run up to Southampton, - see Gordon, go over all the mea=
surements of the Fishway, and prove to the Department, that Sam: Wilmot is a liar, and dare not give the name of any man in his report, who could help him to lie. -

When you are ready, - I will be prepared to sail him off. - - With my sincere thanks, - and warm regards, - I am always to you the same. -

I hope you will now find my Appts. all right. - Mind Thank Amin. - Guard it.

Did Sam: Wilmot, see my reports, before he went on his mission! - He has since he came back from England, - and wrote his Pamplet, and printed it at the public ex=pense, - set himself up as some one - a Gen=tleman of some obscure family. - Better for him to pay the man who procured him the fish - for the Exhibition. -

Yours respectfully. -

Hamilton, Ont. } J. Wilkes. -
5. Nov. 1867. - 4. P.S.

Sir, — Hamilton, Ont. 5. November 1887.

I have the honor to report, that on the 2d inst. I visited the Fisheries at Fort Erie, and the International Bridge, in the Niagara River. — I saw Chester A. Harris, and Nicholas Leavitt, licensed fishermen there; who complain that Hinckson, and Co., and The Mathew Line — Tugs, — of Buffalo, United States, are daily at work depositing from Privys, and all kinds of filth, garbage, &c. including the sweepings of the streets of Buffalo, in the waters of the Niagara River, at the rate of between 25 and 30 scow and barge loads daily! — — Polluting the said waters and damaging and injuring the Fisheries on the Canadian side of said River. — —

I saw one scow load myself, dumped into the Niagara River, fronting on the Sherman Hotel, Victoria; Township of Bertie, — while standing in front of Allans Hotel, — Victoria, on last wednesday. — —

I beg to refer you now, to my former report, on this subject, dated 5th October 1886. —

It appears from what Messrs Harris and Leavitt have told me, that the American people themselves, at Black Rock, and Tonawanda, have stopped their people dumping this objectionable stuff in the Niagara River on the American side, hence they dump and deposit all the filthy stuff, &c. now! in the Canadian side of Niagara River, and Canadian waters. — —

I beg to submit this matter for your information and consideration; — And I respectfully ask you for instructions; any you may deem requisite to give me in the case; — So that I may stamp out this great nuisance. — —

The Deputy Minister, — Respectfully Submitted. —
Department of Fisheries, — Ottawa. — — — — Wm Wilkes — F. Cuvillier, —

Hamilton, Ont. —

Sir. — 5. November 1887. —

I send you herewith a letter I received a few days ago, from Mr. Absalom Hoover, Pound Net. — Fisherman, of Rainham, — in Lake Erie, Selkirk. Post Office! — Ont. —

I put Mr. Hoover right, by sending him, one of your printed notices respecting the "Close season" for White fish and Trout. — —

Will you be pleased to write to W. P. Cranmer Esqre. P. Overseer, Brantford, and communicate to him the report he has circulated, so injurious to the fish and Fisheries. — —

I had a similar letter recently, from two fishermen in Rainham, — on the same subject. — I advised them also, by sending them another copy of your "Close season" printed public notice. — —

* Since last spring. I have not heard from Overseer, D. Sharp, — or any thing about him. —

Respectfully submitted.

Whitton.

The Deputy Minister, Fishery Overseer,
Department of Fisheries, ?
Ottawa, — Ont. —

* Rainham, — is in Overseer D. Sharp's Division of Lake Erie! — Whitton. D.

Copy.—

Indian Rapids Mills.—
October 17th 1887.—

Dear Sir.—

I herewith beg to acknowledge the receipt of your instructions to proceed with the construction of the Fishway in the Mill Race at Indian Rapids Mills. I wrote to Mr. Longstaff the same evening & he got here the night a-head and we made full arrangements to proceed with the construction of the Fishway at once, and push it to completion.——

Mr. Longstaff says that if 2 feet is sufficient depth of buckets, and brakes he can make them of wood; but if they must be 4 feet, you would better send the Boiler Plate.— 4 feet, is more than the model calls for.— You will please advise by Postal card on receipt of this.——

I have a quantity of the material already taken out, and he is to see about the balance tomorrow morning the water in the River keeps low, and now I hope it will, till we get the foundation in: if we can get that in, we are all right.——

The inside of the floor of the Fishway, will be about 9 inch in the foot: would have written sooner, but wished to convey some information when I did write.—

Yours respectfully,—
Signed— Geo: Gordon:—

To
John W. Kerr Esq.
Fishery Overseer,—
Hamilton,— Ont.—

Printed Licenses!—

Messrs
Isaac Durham,—
and—
Robert Rook,—
Grimsby,—
Cut,—
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Printed Licenses!—

Messrs
William Joyce,—
and—
William Pollock.—
Fishermen!—
Brooke.—
Cut.—
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Printed Licenses!—

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William Joyce,—
and—
William Pollock.—
Fishermen!—
Brooke.—
Cut.—
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Private! -

Alf: Montgomery Esq. Hamilton! - Ont. -

My dear Sir, - 8. November 1847. -

Yours received. it was with pain, and regret, that I heard from you of the death - of Alex: Clarke's brother David, - whom every person praise so highly. - -

With regard to the fisheries in Lake Nipigon - applied for by Alex: Clark, the Captain Jos Wilson - of the Sco! -

Mr Bousat, wrote me to say, he had applauded every thing about it to the Captain - who I was told also would return home by the way of Collingwood, - and put you in possession of everything. I was also told Alex; in the mean time could have all the fishing he wanted in Lake Winnipeg - by applying to the Inspector of fisheries up there. - Of course Alex, will have done this: whether or not owing to the untimely end of his brothers death. - Now you know to the Contrary, I admire you. if not, I'm go there at

&c.

over, and find out what is being done in the way of the Horses, and fishing there in Those seasons? - - Your Boy, arrived safe, and for which I sincerely thank you. - - - To tomorrow, I intend paying a visit to your friend Dick Gillett and if he does not send you the grape vines, I will buy and get them for you. - Jane has sent them to you! - Except a disagreeable cold - I am all right. - - - -

My time has expired most fully and I made my report on the 20th October, gave the department 60 pages of foolscap evidence! more better than yours! and 8. pages of a report. - - - - Kitty remembers me to Alex, and family - and Alex: Riley & family. - they have my general sympathy - in their late bereavement - - - and so has the Lady this mother! - and more than all dear Alf, - knowing that three years is being kept this year, as it was last year, and the [illegible] know all about it. - I am, My dear Alf, Yours faithfully. - [illegible] - &c. - &c.

Mrs Charlotte Reid! Hamilton! Ont.—

8. November 1887.—

and
Mrs Frank Reid.— Blackstock, Post office.— Ont.

It appears— from what Woolcomb. told me on yesterday,— in Blackstock— that you at my instance could fish in Lake, but you were not to fish any gill nets— in Lake Ontario! touching on the County of Peel!—

Now that he had proof to this effect, from Mrs Reid!— whom I sent up for, and Woolcomb says: Hold him up in his presence —Now, I heard from you both, one from Mrs Reid,— that Woolcomb— imagining that he had got a license covering the entire waters of Lake Ontario, touching — the County of Peel, told you, you were now under him,— but he would allow you to fish, and have your license,— and no more: that you could not fish gill nets, except Woolcomb, gave you your license.— Now: who is correct?— you, or Woolcomb!— [illegible] Ont. me knows— the [illegible]: Woolcomb says: I always

Edward Joyce— to come down and fish with his own Boat and Nets,— at Mrs Credit, and at your place.— Edward Joyce— has no license,— to fish any where in the waters of Lake Ontario! recollect and bear this in mind!— If Edward Joyce— does not pay me his license fee of 5,— at once, I know what to do in the premises.— He has no authority from the Fisheries department,— for to fish gill nets: all the Woolcomb says: he told him— he had a license:— Remember you must not cheat Edward Joyce,— nor no one else, your license only gives you the power to fish in the waters and no more.—

I now caution you to be careful.—

Be industrious and fish:— and fish legally and according the law.—

Your Friend!—

Hamilton, Ont. [illegible] J.O.

O.L.

You are an independent creature you [illegible] is!— he has a back bigger than Lake Ontario! [illegible] J.O.

Hamilton, Ont. –
8. November 1887. –

My dear Melvin!

What is come over you, why dont you drop me a line some time. – –

Always glad to hear from you, and see you at all times. – – You might take a run down to Hamilton Bay, and Stoney point, look in at Duffins Creek, and see what is going on there – and let me know: and now my dear friend – you must not for a moment think that I had any thing to do, in having you removed off Toronto Island: until the 7th Augt, write me, and sent me copy of letter that you on the subject, I knew not a single thing about it. – From the 7th September, until 20th October, last, I was actively engaged on Georgian Bay, and amongst Georgian Bay Indians. – With kind regards, – Yours Sincerely. –

John Wm. Ge.

Hamilton, Ont. –
8., November 1887, –

My friend Montgomery, –

Yours received, I may say in reply for your information, that I have no power nor Jurisdiction in what you write to me about. – I understood you and Goulding were friends and brothers-in-law. – I have no control over the land. –

With kind regards, –

Yours faithfully. –

John Wm. Ge.

Wm. Montgomery, Esq.
Front Street. –
Toronto, Ont. – §

Hamilton! Ont.—
8. November 1887.—

Sir,—

Having fairly considered the Confidential Statement, made by Alfred Montgomery of Collingwood, and taken down by me as No: 19,—on the 19th ult. September last, as then communicated to me; and by me sent to the Fisheries Department,—Ottawa—I am certainly led to believe, and it now strikes me forcibly that the setting apart of that portion of Georgian Bay,—as per sketch attached to No: 19, Evidence, for the natural propagation of fish,—from the 1st ult. of September to the 1st ult. of April following; when no fishing of any kind should be carried on there, is a matter that I draw your attention to, and the attention of the Department, though you—as worthy of consideration.—

On the 15th ult. October last, I wrote you about this matter, but I restrained then in recommending, what I have since regretted again again and again, because I felt it might militate against the Indians. Now it appears, it will not interfere with the Indians and I do hope and entreat of you, and respectfully recommend that you will see that this is done.—

Look for instance at the number of Boats, illegally fishing on there grounds at present.—Catching Trout and White fish there on their spawning beds.—I was in Toronto, on yesterday and I heard a letter read from Mr. John McKee,—fisherman, of Meaford, to Mr. D. W. Post,—Fish dealer, Toronto; stating that the fish were plentiful, about Meaford, & he had no doubt, and the "Close season"—was kept,—just about the same way,—it was kept last year.—
S. P. Mowat Esqr.

Fisheries Department,— 1.
Ottawa, Ont.—

Dear Sir, You know, the Close Season[22] has not been kept in Georgian Bay. - -

I firmly believe and I agree with you that the Close season[22] should commence on the 20th[th] or on the 23rd[rd] of October, in each year, so as to protect the Trout when spawning; and that there shall be no fishing any more until the following 1st[st] of April. - - -

Look for instance at the preparations being already in operation, for increasing fishing rigs - for next year in Georgian Bay. - - -

I recommend this matter to you in a stronger manner than I usually do, because having done all in my power to find out for you every mortal thing in evidence, that was needful for a report, that will cause a New turn over of fishing affairs in Georgian Bay, - as per report of 20th[th] of October last, and the evidence supporting the same. - - Now I shall rest myself, and say no more for the present. - - - -

Ever Yours Respectfully. -

John W. Kerr. -

Fishery Overseer. -

Hamilton! Ont.—
10th November 1887.—

Sir,—

Having been favored with a copy of Mr. Sam Wilmots report on the fishway at Gordon's Mills, Lavaseau River, for my remarks thereon; I beg to submit the following:— The reason as I understand it, of Mr. Wilmot being sent there for the purpose of inspecting and reporting on that fishway was, because through misrepresentations or political pressure of some kind or other, Mr. McBride, M.P.— is led to believe that the fishway is insufficient, badly located, and does not fulfil the object for which it was built.———

In 1884, I was instructed by your Department to proceed to Southampton and report on the best way to enable fish to surmount the difficulty presented to their ascent by the dam on Saugeen River.

After a painstaking and careful examination, consulting with Mr. Denny, the owner of the Dam, Mr. Gordon, the owner of the mills, and others, we came to the conclusion that to locate the fishway in the middle of the dam was impossible, owing to the heavy pressure of the water and the irresistable force of the spring freshets which carry every thing before them.— There remained to consider the north eastern extremity of the dam, alongside the pier and this was the place indicated by the Departments letter.— But there also, very great if not insuperable difficulties presented themselves.— Mr. Denny had already built two fishways at that place, and both had been carried away with portions of his dam by the ice and spring freshets and he claimed, with some reason too, that

the Department could hardly expect him to incur enormous expenses for very doubtful results as he said no fishway could stand there; the only effect being to cause his dam to be endangered every year. --- There was a good deal in this, and bearing in mind the instructions given in your printed circular with regard to taking advantage of every possible means to secure a passage for fish without putting millowners to any undue and unnecessary expenses; I proceeded to examine the mill race and suggested to the Department to utilize it as a fishway. --- My recommendations were approved of, and subsequently carried out. -- The entrance at the bottom of the fishway is 5' feet by 4:- not 3 feet as stated by Mr. Wilmot. -- The same dimensions are preserved all through. --

It is 52' feet long, and not 60' feet as Mr. Wilmot has it. -- The incline is 1" inch in the foot which is a nice easy incline and one that will always keep itself clean. ---

The fishway is built in the most suitable place that could be found in view of present circumstances, and, it has, so far, fulfilled the object for which it was built, which is more than can be said of many fishways. ---

In July last, I visited it, found it in good working order and quite sufficient for the purpose for which it was originally intended. ---

Mr. Gordon opened it in the spring of 1886, before the ice thawed out or the fish from Lake Huron had made their appearance in the River, and it was kept opened during the run of fish, until it began to freeze, when

it was closed. -- When making some repairs last year Mr. Gordon, William Baker, and Thomas Baker told me they saw a number of Mullets, and Suckers going up the fishway. -- I myself noticed quite a number of fry in the mill race, above the fishway. -- These fry could not by any possibility breast the rush of water coming down the fishway to the place in the millrace above where I saw them. -- They must have been hatched in the river above the fishway. -- They must therefore be the brood of the fish which went up by the fishway. -- --

In order to satisfy the Department and myself most positively on those points. -- I caused Mr. Gordon to supply me with such facts and information as would establish beyond cavil that the fishway performed the object for which it was built. -- These letters and certificates have already been communicated to you in my letter of 12th September last and speak for themselves. I may, however, for convenience sake resume them as follows:-

1. George Gordon states that on several occasions, when looking from the mill, he noticed numbers of ordinary sized fish passing to and from the fishway, seeming quite familiar with this artificial pass; and to test the matter to his satisfaction, he took hook and line and within a few feet of the gate of the fishway; and out of the mill sluice, landed 14 fine bass in about as many minutes. -- His boy repeated the same operation. --

2. Wm. Routh, Fred Routh and John Routh, declare having seen shoals of fish of different

Knots in the mile race above the fishway -- and caught as many as they wished: principally black and green bass. -- Also, while sitting on the crib work of the dam, at the race gates of the race they witnessed numbers of fish passing up. ---

3.- John Rutleye. -- In August last, while engaged repairing the flume, myself and others saw hundreds of black and green bass above the fishway. --

4.- Thomas McKitten states, about the 1st of September 1867, while at the gate of the fishway he saw numbers of ordinary sized fish passing out of the fishway through the open gate into the flume and race, both of which are on a perfect level with the mile dam and three Saugeen above the dam. --

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I could multiply this evidence, but believe I have said enough to establish that if this fishway is not built according to the scientific notions of Mr. Samuel Wilmot, it is constructed and located on common sense principles and with due regard to practical usefulness. - I will not deny that, one or more fishways located at the middle or north east end of the dam would be advantageous; but the trouble is: would the structures resist the ice and freshets, and above all, would the dam stand the pressure? -

To say the least I doubt it. ---

The trouble might be overcome by building a fishway on the Rogers, instead of the old mode; but there again a difficulty arises. - Denny's dam is solid, being built of stones, faced with

square timber, and to put in a Rogers fishpass would cost so much that, I am doubtful whether the owner might feel inclined to insure the expense.- I would therefore await further developments before rushing into blind speculations, as suggested by Mr. Wilmot; at any rate until such time as it is clearly demonstrated that, the fishway I built is a failure; which so far as I can see, has not yet been proved...

I am informed Mr. Samuel Wilmot expressed himself very freely on viewing the fishway and enquired who were the blessed fackers that built it.. It was not Elsner, but but much stronger...

I have superintended the building of many fishways in my life...- I have attended to those on the Rivers, and other Rivers, which God willing, I hope to make a success,- and although I lay no claim to the title of "Professor."- I believe I know as much about locating and building fishways as some people do about Fish culture and the propagation of Salmo Wilmotti....

In concluding these remarks, I beg to again suggest that Mr. Wilmot be instructed to put in the Sangeen River, above the dam, some of the Pickerel fry hatched out at the Government Establishment... The place is near at hand, and the expense would be trifling; and I am sure Pickerel would thrive better than the thousands of salmon fry deposited in the Sangeen years ago.... I have the Honor to be, Sir,-

Your Obedient Servant,-

John Wilkes. Jr Overseer.

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Hamilton Ont.
10. November 1887...

Sir.-

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 35.- for Ten dollars and fifty cents.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year as follows:- Viz:-

1. Philip Tufford, Clinton.- - For a Boat license to fish 500 yards of Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario, fronting on the Township of Clinton. the amount due herewith is. - - - $.5.00 ct.-
2. George Culp, Clinton! For do. to fish 100 yards of Herring gill nets,- - do. " 1.00 ct.-
3. Charles Beetram, Clinton. For do, to fish 500 yards.- of Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario, fronting on the Township of Clinton -- $. 2.50 ct.-
4. Wm Sands,- Clinton, For do, to fish 240. yards of Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario, in front of the Township of Clinton, the amount is to be only.- $. 1.00 ct.-
5. John Sands,- of Clinton! For do, do. " 1.00 ct.-

Total $.10.50 ct.-

I recommend the same. - -

I have the Honor to be,
Sir. -
Your Obedient Servant.-
John W. Kerr. -
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries,-
Ottawa. - Ont. -

Hamilton! Ont.
11. November 1887...

Sir.—

I have the Honor to report, and recommend that Spearing for Herring be permitted with Jack light in the open waters of Burlington Bay,—from the 20th inst. of November, instant, until the 10th inst. of December next. for Herring—Only—at the usual rate of $1.00 for the privilege...

I also beg to apply for permission to spear Pike, Pike and Herring in the waters of Burlington Bay,—from the formation of the Ice in Burlington Bay, and Dundas Marsh—until the 15th inst. April next!—At the usual rate of One dollar for the privilege...—I recommend the same for your consideration.—

Some time ago, during the summer, the Hon. Adam Brown,—M.P.,—for the City of Hamilton—met me and commenced Catechising me about the fish Houses being ordered off the Ice last winter.

I recommend that the spearing shall be for Bass, Pike and Herring—through the Ice, the full privilege!—The Hon. Brown, as soon as he got M.P.,—became interested in the Spearing of fish in Burlington Bay,—for, and in behalf of some of his supporters.—

Respectfully submitted.—

I will require 50,—Blank Licenses.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant,—
J. Gilfillan—
Fishery Overseer.—

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Hamilton!—

Memo: for S. P. Bowell Esqre M.P.
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa — Ont. —

Charles! bring up the Theodolite!!! —
Wades and d— I am getting my lesson off by Heart; — such a d — d Idiot. —
I sandy down my report on the fish, — & added a few words: thus! "The sucker is 1" sick in the foot, which is a nice easy sucker and one that will always keep itself clean?" — —

And I left out the River Sydenham, for I never was there yet! — St — did you find out about the blessed Ass! —

I received your telegraph about Woolland, — Hamilton and he — if they had power would remove Mountains! — after you wrote the first letter to Hamilton Woolland and Sir Melville Parker, came to Hamilton — to see me, — I was away on Lake Erie, — at the time. — —

I thank you for your caution — now days of my doing any thing without your orders, after Hamilton received your first letter, he wanted me to take Woolands — information, and start a New Case — but I declined, and I told them exactly — as you stated the case to him in your second letter. — — Woolland, imagines he is still at Red Rock — Lake Superior — where he made money — by selling fish to the C. P. R, syndicate — at 6 ct — per pound, chartered John Tackie, — of Front street, Toronto, who rigged him out with boats, nets, and provisions, — out of $1.500, cash, by some smart trick of his, which Tackie explains, — and then comes back with his illgotten gains — and settles at Pt Credit, instead of Tackies — the place he left for Lake Superior. — —

Please send me some blank diarys, — more close season notices — and about 50. spearing licences — I sent in my

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application today for permission to spear the fish that runs from the City Sewers in the Burlington Bay,- will soon damage the fish,- beyond recovery.--

Tibbs - fish dealer - from Buffalo, was here on yesterday,- he buys up nearly all the fish from Pt. Stanley to Grand River, it was he who told me about the 12. refrigerator cars of fish I telegraphed you about on yesterday,- being received this morning before at Buffalo.--

Sent- six cars from James Clark, of Weston,- for James - Handley & Co - Buffalo, and six cars,- from W. A. Clark, to The New Fish Company - Buffalo.- They were shipped at Weston, and came by way of Stratford - These double decker,- if caught should be deprived of all fishing privileges.----

Tibbs - reported to me the story contained in Thomas Letter, that a fisher[illegible]

close season for White fish - was from the 1st to the 10th November.----

And you may depend upon what I tell you,- that if D. Sharp - was worth a d---n,- he would go down to Rainham - any time - and catch Howatt, the Wardells - Hamburger and I saw him fishing there! - in close season!.--

I was at Lake Erie,- township of Clinton,- on last wednesday,- and I collected $10.60 of Lines fee.--- Found that Dave Culp,- had left Clinton - to fish home a bow - from Rainham,- I could by leaving here at 6. p.m.- and travelling nearly all night,- be at Rainham - before day and dark next morning and see some of those fellows -

I want large - Official envelopes.--

Many thanks for your care and attention to me,- I am in daily expectation of some wild ducks,- from Long point,- for you and myself.-- Believe me Yours truly [illegible]

George Gordon Esqre
Indian Rapids Mills, Hamilton. Ont. —
Skippawa Mills. P.O. —
Near Southampton — 11. November 1869. —
Ont
Ally dear Gordon. — —

Law: Wilmot of the Fish Breeding Establishment, Newcastle, Ontario, having been called upon by the Minister of Fisheries, at the instance of Ally Esqre Pickle — Mr. G. reported, as copied by me, Of course I am aware that the fishway is 5' just by 4' just all through: — and that it is 12' just long on the bottom. —

Please inform me what is the height of the just way: from the bottom of the sluice gate, where the water enters it from the flume! surely it cannot be 10 just; — for I find the incline is 1" inch in the foot, which is a nice easy incline, and one that will always keep itself clean.

I make one short in my report to the Department, — Today: —

Wilmot says in his report, — "The water after passing thro the mill [illegible]
race
in a small trail race some 200' just or more in to the main river. —

Now, Ally friend Gordon, — is this really so, or not? —

After I have seen you, if you wish for to see it, I will send you Wilmots entire report for to read. — —

Ally Knee is getting on nicely, and except that I am reduced 22 pounds, in weight I am about as usual. — —

The pale colour of my face is just disappearing, and I am getting on natural colour back again in my face. —

I believe the broken sinews of my Knee are growing again. — —

Mrs Kerr, and family are well. —

I hope you are getting on well — and that you and family are in the enjoyment of Gods choice blessing, — good health. — I have been on Georgian Bay in September, your certificates answered a noble purpose. — Yours fraternally, —

[illegible] &c.

October, 7.---

				$	¢
1887.					
October 8th	Joseph Page	Hamilton	For License	5	00
do	Ric: Yaaffe	do	For License	5	00
do	William Depew	do	For License	5	00
do	George Knight Jr.	do	For License	5	00
do	Charles Knight	do	do do	5	00

1887. Correct.---

Sent Bank draft No: 481.- for $65.00¢. to Fisheries department, on 8th day of October 1887...

October 15th	Robert Brandt	Hamilton	For License	5	00
do	Charles Goldsmith	do	For License	5	00
do	Wm J. Douglas	do	For License	1	00
do	Daniel McGoyne	do	For License	5	00

1887. Correct.-

Sent Bank draft No: 506.- for $16.00¢.- to F. department on 15th October 1887.---

October 19th	F. X. Corey	Hamilton	For License	10	00
do	Samuel Corey	do	For License	4	00
do	George Irving	do	For License	1	00
do	John Robinson Jr	do	For License	1	00

1887.- Correct.-

Sent Bank draft No:- 518.- for $16.00¢.- to F. department on the 19th October 1887...

October 22nd	John Fortile	Hamilton	For License	10	00
do	James Joyce	do	For License	5	00
do	John Ingledew	do	For License	5	00
do	William Joyce	do	For License	10	00
do	Messrs Isaac Durham and Robert Book	do	For License	5	00

Correct.-

Sent Bank draft No: 532.- for the sum of $35.00¢.- to the Fisheries Department, Ottawa, on the 22nd Oct. 1887.

The total amount sent the Department for all month ending 31st October 1887.- was $132.00¢.- for Licenses issued.---

Respectfully submitted.--

John W. Kerr.-

Hamilton.---

Asst.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries.---
Ottawa!---

Asst.-

Hamilton!- Ont.-
18. November 1887.-

My Dear Sir,- and Brother!-

Yours of the 11th inst. he-
[illegible] I send you return for October,
herewith. - I have been kept pretty busy,
since 7th September last,- even up to
this present time and will be until the
"Close season".- for Trout and white fish
runs out on the 30th of this current month.
I am very thankful to you for your very
kind enquiries about my health...
I know you will be delighted to
learn that I am in excellent health, not
a pain nor ache! and the sinews and
tendons of my right Knee; that snapped
and broke last Christmas day.- has com-
menced to grow in their places again.-
My lameness is gone.- and thank God
for his goodness and Kindness to me;
I will not be a cripple!- I never
remember to [illegible] injury that

happened to my Knee.- had I done
so- I believe I would have been a
gonner!!- My Dear Bennet, having managed to
send me to Georgian Bay,- to make en-
quiries and get up a true state of facts
there in regard to the fisheries in a report
I sent the Department on 28th of October
last, completely saved me and put me-
on my limbs (right Knee-) as O. K. again.-
All the time I have the people like sup-
ply complain of one ailment or another,
but I have nothing at all to complain
of... After the fall I lost 22 pounds in
weight, having dwindled from 242. down
to 220.- not so bad for an old man.-
My Dear Bennet Kindness to me.- I will
never- never forget.

Send with my warm and sincere
regards.- Thanks many for your kind
attention to me- believe me....

Yours fraternally,-
James B. Wilkie M.P.
Toronto Ont.

Hamilton. Ont.-
Ottawa!- 14. November 1887.-

I have just received my report on Deering dam. and Jordan Tributary - on Langevin River - in reply to Lem: Wilmot. more report. - I send you copy of the Deputy Ministers letter. to me to which draw certain expressions I used in the last page of my report against the big Lem: Wilmot - Wales and I.-

Dont you think the Deputy might just to call on the mighty big man - Lem: to withdraw his insulting language and unbecoming expression - a man who like Lem: Wilmot - that knows so much about his Company Keeping with Royalty when in England at the Great Fisheries Exhibition! should not be permitted to use insulting language towards me or any one else! - Lem suppose it was in reality - Wales and I.- Let me have your aid in my behalf to the Deputy. The report has done its work - and the persons Lem: Wilmot - will not insult me again! has so far forgotten himself - as never to turn a paw to paper to me nor any one else who helped him to procure for the Fisheries Exhibition Jack of all Kinds.-

Lem: Wilmot must keep a civil tongue - as far as I am concerned.- He Fish Breeding ever which he presides - is a failure - which no body can deny! - - If you require a copy of the objectionable part of my report. I will send you Copy. -

Yours respectfully.-

S. J. Bennett Esq
F. department
Ottawa! -

F. - O.

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"The Algonquin Route."

Steamboating,

7. September. [illegible] - 1

Account of services rendered on Georgian Bay by Officers of the Department of Fisheries.

1887.					
September,	7.	From Hamilton to Collingwood on Georgian Bay.	1.	95 miles.	6. 25.
"	8.	At Collingwood enquiring into complaints of fishermen and taking evidence.	1.	"	
"	9.	Do.	1.	"	
"	10.	From Collingwood to Hamilton to report progress.	1.	95 "	6. 25.
"	11.	Engaged compiling and writing up evidence for Department.	1.	"	
"	13.	From Hamilton to Collingwood to continue enquiry.	1.	100. "	6 25.
"	14.	At Collingwood, and by Steamer to Killarney.	2.	130. "	6. 00.
"	15.	From Killarney to French River, by Boat with 2 men.	"	43. "	12. 00.
"	16.	Returned to Killarney.	1.	43. "	" "
"	17.	Taking evidence at Killarney & G. Bay.	1.	"	
"	18.	Returned by Steamer to Collingwood, and called in at Club Island, to see			
"	19.	Donald Macdonald, who [illegible] there.	1.	130. "	4. 00.
"	20.	Do. Do.		"	
"	20.	From Collingwood to Hamilton, by way of Allandale.	1.	98. "	6, 25.
"	21.	Engaged compiling and writing up evidence.	1.	"	
"	23.	At Toronto, to see Mr. John Locke.	1.	88. "	4. 90.
"	24.	Engaged compiling and writing evidence.	1.	"	
"	25.	Do. Do.	1.	"	
"	27.	At Wiarton, got Miss M. James Clark and James McMackay's evidence re G. Bay and Lyons Island, fisheries.	1.	154. "	9. 80.
"	28.	At Wiarton and back to Hamilton.	1.	154. "	1. 90.
"	30.	Engaged compiling and writing up evidence.	1.	"	
1887.					
October,	4.	From Hamilton to Collingwood to continue taking evidence.	1.	95. "	6 35.
"	5.	Do. Do. Do.	1.	"	
"	6.	Do. Do. Do.	1.	"	
"	7.	From Collingwood to Hamilton.	1.	95. "	6 25.
"	8.	Compiling notes and writing up evidence.	1.	"	
September,	19.	At Collingwood evidence. (Omitted)	1.	"	
		Carried forward.	25.	1326. "	£.76. 20.

Dft. - William Kerr. -

Hamilton
7th September, 22nd October, . . . 7

						Miles. -		
1897. -								
October	9.	Compiling notes and writing up evidence . -				25.	1326 Mls. -	76. 20. -
-do-	10.	do. -	do. -	do. -		1.	- " -	
-do-	11.	do. -	do. -	do. -		1.	- " -	
-do-	12.	do. -	do. -	do. -		1.	- " -	
-do-	13.	do. -	do. -	do. -		1.	- " -	
-do-	14.	To Toronto, to see John Leckie, respecting gill nets sold to Lincoln and other Lake Fishermen at Grand Rice Georgian Bay. -				1.	94. - " -	4. 00. -
-do-	21.	Writing up report of investigation. -				1.	- " -	
-do-	22.	Finished report and mailed same. -				1.	- " -	
-do-	-do-	Board - 33 days - at $2. - per day. -				"	- " -	66. 00 ct. -
-do-	-do-	Allowance for extra duty out of my Division. - 33 days. at $1.50 ct. -				"	- " -	49. 50 ct. -
						Totals. - - -		33. 1420 Mls. $195. 70 ct. -

John W. Kerr. -

Hamilton, -

- Ont. -

Hamilton: Ont.-
16th November 1897..

Sir: -

I have the honor to send you herewith Boat Licenses, etc: for the sum of Eight dollars.---

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year, as follows- Big 4: -

1. Edward Joyce - Township of Clarke - For a Boat License to fish 1500 yards of Gill nets and Herring Gill nets - in Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Dur: -- The amount is, - $5.00

2. James A. Gordon, - Grantham, - For a Boat License to fish 200 yards of Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario; just immediately east of the 2nd mile creek Township of Grantham: amount $1.00.

3. Robert Hall, - Burlington Beach: - For a boat License to fish 500 yards of Herring gill net in Lot No: 10, - in Lake Ontario, in Station No: 10, - The amount is $5. - and he has paid me, $2.00

I recommend that you be Total - $3.00

pleased to grant a Boat License to Nos: 1 & 2. -

No: 3. pretends - sometimes he be out of his mind - on two occasions he refused to take the license - on yesterday - he abused me. -

Early last spring - he turned his aged mother 84 years - out of the house - that she had fortunately devised to him and he now lives alone. --

I dont think he should ever get another license, - he builds Boats - for a living. -

I have the honor to be,
Sir, -
Your Obedient Servant. -
J. Hall Kerr
Fishery Overseer -

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries, -
Ottawa, Ont. -

Hamilton, Ont.
15. November 1907.

Sir,-

I have the regret that on Friday last the 11th instant, I received the enclosed Affidavit I proceeded to Toronto on the 12th and on Tuesday the 13th I called at the Office of the Provincial Secretary and saw Mr. Hendrie, and I showed him the Affidavit and I asked him what he would do in the matter, and he said that he would look into it and see what could be done in the matter. I then called on Mr. Gallagher, and he told me that he would look into it and see what could be done in the matter. I then called on Mr. Gallagher, and he told me that he would look into it and see what could be done in the matter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher told me, - Sworn before Mr. Hendrie, - had been there, and had seen the girl. - Had an Affidavit taking Affidavit. - the girl was received by them. from Mr. John Price of Port Stanley, on 27th October last, Affidavit was with the girl. - - -

Having succeeded in getting the Telegraph John Price, - Port Stanley. - Thos: Toronto, 12, Nov. - The Deputy Minister, Department of Fisheries, - Ottawa - Ont. -

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every thing, which he has done.--
The Remark of Disk was expressed at Pt. Stanley, by the Purser, American Express Agent there, who, when he heard what he had done, got blazing mad.-- Then the G.T.Ry. became liable....

A Peddar! says: "Mr. Kerr if you came to Toronto you will find White Fish - from Port Stanley, - on King Street - brought by Express yesterday, - see the Express. I want!!. Signed,--"A. Peddar".----

I did see one Express man - in Toronto, - but it was no go!.... Few Express men tells the truth.

This case alone should in future stop the sale of White fish and Trout, caught before "Close season" and permitted to be so? as per your authority, - during close season! when they can be mixed with fresh caught fish: instance this case.--- I am still under the impression that close season for Salmon Trout and White fish, should to make it perfect, commence on the 20th or 23rd of October, in each year, - and all Net fishing for these fish - to stop then until the following year, the dates to be fixed.--

Now about all these people, who transgresses the Fisheries Act, - some excuse themselves - and fall back on streams - torn Pound Nets, - and dead white fish - floating about in the Pot of the pound.

I thought within myself, - after my interview with Mr. John Price - I will lay this case fully before the Deputy Minister; with all its different phases.---I am satisfied John Price - never lies to me. There is too much of the man about him for that, besides - he is the only son of a most worthy man - Late Mr. Price Lighthouse Pt. Stanley.

Respectfully Submitted! - John W. Kerr -
Fishery Overseer.

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Hamilton. 16. Nov: /87.-

Memo: for S. P. Bunnet Esqre
Fisheries department,-
Ottawa. - -

I suppose the Fisheries department, has no objection to Brouts fishermen,- going occasionally down to the upper end of the County of Peel - next to the County of Halton - and fishing there! a thing they were want to do, before Woolland came to Pt. Credit,- to live and fish there

See Petition and report of 27. Oct. last.-

Not only,- is Woolland - opposed - to Brouts fishermen,- fishing - in Lake Ontario - fronting on the County of Peel, - but recently a person asked me - to stop the Brouts fishermen - from catching Herring and Trout for a couple of months, during the winter.-

Edward Joyce - whose application I send you to day,- for a Boat license - has moved away from Brouts - and is now fishing - for Frank and Charlotte Reid,- in Toronto township.- he told Woolland, lately he had a license to fish at Brouts - I said in reply not yet, but whenever he applies - I will forward his application and recommend it may be granted. ~~for John Smallacott~~

I suppose it is James Hamilton - who wrote me before the last Dominion Election if I did not get Frank Reid and his son Wm. to vote for McCulla - he would vote to Sir, John A: Macdonald about it: - I gave him his answer, - he has no influence with me - down with Monopolies,

What do you think of the Contraventions of fisheries Act - case - Gallagher - Toronto, Price and Payne - Pt. Stanley, - read it, I send to the Deputy this day. - - -

I wrote Gordon, - Gordon Mills - Saugeen River, a week ago, no answer yet. -

I have precious little about men - who have broken their word with me. - I suppose Tilton - when he sent for me last winter - to come at once, - thought then he

could stuff me with expectations.- I would die soon - for you know my Good friend - that I was in a deplorable condition! - I am now thank God well, and getting fat every day. - Your Kind Recipe - did me - in mind and body. The trip to G. Bay - Southampton and Hawks River - done the business. I travelled 200 miles - altho' I had only one leg to stand on! you cured me. -

Young John Maclaw - Toronto Island, - has applied for a Boat licence - to catch Trout & Herring - west of Gibraltar point during winter - has nothing else to do! - I sent the Deputy his application today. - Abundance of fish - being caught all over Georgian Bay, - another letter from D: Cameron - who in my opinion is right all thro' the piece. - - - Mrs Dimmond - Elgin and Hamilton, except John Price's case which implicates so many, - I have seen none you - heard of no other case. -

Lemmy Sr. and the Ot. Brunell Ot. Bell - and Ot. Bruce, - got washed out and torn more than 6 weeks ago, they have not set them again. - Please ask the Deputy if I shall prosecute John Price, and boy. - I may tell you - John Price, - is afraid of his father hearing that he broke the Law, - for the old Gentleman is very particular, Except the few remaining pound nets in Lake Erie. - no chance whatever, - for catching white fish - no one fishes for them with gill nets! - When I see John S: Allan, I will soon learn who breaks the law. - John S. - will tell me. - - - -

I have no more news - for the present you! - If any fish - come to Hamilton, I will mark them, - none here, since 2d inst. they passed thro' to Detroit. - French River, I suppose. - W.A. Clark's brother, David - died at Selkirk - recently, - Alex, - will be home from there soon will return by Hamilton - had a letter from him. - Yours truly, - John Watson

Hamilton, Ont,—
16,— November 1887...

Sir,—

I have the honor to apply to you for a Boat license,— for John Haulan,— of Toronto Island,— for to fish 1.500, yards of linen and Herring Gill nets— in Lake Ontario, fronting on the west side of Toronto Island during this current year of 1887.— The amount is to be,— $5.00

Recommend the same.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant,—
John Wilson,—
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries,—
Ottawa, Ont.—

Hamilton, Ont. 20 Dec 1887

Sir,— I beg to say that I am not so, I do not like the fishing grounds that has got on the Island. If you desire to grant me a license to fish I will apply for one on the Humber River, at the mouth of the Credit River, as I have been fishing there for the last 3 years and have always paid the amount to the Fisheries Department. I am Sir, Your Obedient Servant, John Wilson, Fishery Overseer.

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The Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Ottawa.

Hamilton: Ont. --
19. November 1887.-

Memorandum for L. O. Russet Esqre.
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa:- -Ont.-

I send you a letter "no doubt from a Fisherman"- which I received on yesterday evening from Collingwood. - - -

I have no doubt on my mind but this production is strictly true- for from other reliable sources- I have had information to the same effect. - -

I would not have hurried up and made my special report on Georgian Bay- Fisheries- on the 20th. of October last, only being under expectation- of seeing my recommendation regarding the "Close Season"- carried out this present November- as the wish and desire of prominent Georgian Bay Fishermen, whose evidence accompanying my report, will convince you what their wishes were on this "Close Season"-

So far as Collingwood- is concerned, 5 Refrigerator Cars- of Trout and White fish in a freight car- from the Nobles- addressed to The Buffalo Fish- company, U.S.- passed through here on the 2nd. instant- on the North Western Railway.- Those fish being legally caught, were not interfered with. - - -

I had a letter the other day from Mr. Wiarton.- John S. Allan- at present engaged getting out spawn for the Hatcheries; enquiring if I was coming up during "close season"- you will understand what Allan means, however, I may say here to you, that until I get Wiarton - I will never answer that question. - - You might show this to The Deputy Minister.- And you may say to him- that I am still ready, willing and able to do my duty to my Queen and Country, in the Fisheries Department of Canada- on Georgian Bay. - - -

Respectfully submitted, John W. Kerr.

separate timber, and to put in a Rogers fishpass would cost so much that, I am doubtful whether the owner might feel inclined to incur the expense ... I would therefore await further developments before rushing into blind speculations, as suggested by Mr. Wilmot; at any rate until such time as it is clearly demonstrated that, the fishway I built is a failure, which so far as I can see, has not yet been proved ....

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
John Wilkes.—
Fishery Overseer.—

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Shawinigan Falls, Que.—
17th November 1897.—

Dear Major Wilmot,—
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication Memorandum of complaint made by Mr. Wilmot, and amended as per your desire ....
Briefly, as you desire ....
Take account of the Dam.—"For advantage of the Department by Application for Lease;"—
Take Opinion upon same;"—
but I presume you mean the Rule to work by, and in what light it should apply to the Lease.
Professor" as enable as to others .... Anyhow, I consider there was nothing in Letting Mr. Wilmon know what a fraud he was, and in what light his fish ladder was held by our establishment.
I am also in receipt of the Country ....
public in this part of the Fishery Officer than he;—
I am, &c.—
Major John Wilkes,—
Deputy Minister of Marine & Fisheries,—
Ottawa.—

Hamilton! Ont,-
18th November 1887.-

My dear Mr. Lemay....

I received your last kind favour, soon after I left you at Ayr;- I got home here that same night about ½ past 8. p.m. all right, came round by Jarvis and Caledonia, because I could not come any other way.--
I am thank God well, my Knee is very much improved and on the whole I have great cause to be thankful.--- I got in my report on the Georgian Bay- fisheries- bound with 61 pages foolscap- of evidence is the best report of 8 pages- I have ever sent to the Department at Ottawa.--- It is a genuine, upright, honest, faithful report. the like of which never was presented to the Department at any time before.---- If used, and as I suggested and recommend. then great results may be expected to follow.-

I had a visit on last Sunday afternoon. from our mutual friend Mr. John Price- of

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I have always tried to serve the Department honestly. faithfully and to the best of my intelligence which I apprehend is more than he could say....

Believe me.-
Dear Major Gilbert.-
Yours.- very truly.-
John W. Kerr.-
Fishery- Overseer.-

Port Stanley. - It appears Mr. Price, with his crew, went out to his Pounds. to fish up. when he found a Net torn by the storms. with dead fish floating in the pot. - A consultation was held, and it was ultimately decided to send the White fish - dead and alive - Jound in that Pot to Gallaghers. a Fish and Fruit dealer, King St. Toronto. - - This was done! -

On the the M. instant. I received a Post Card - from Toronto thus: - "Mr. Price. if you come to Toronto you will find the fish from Port Stanley, - King street, - brought by express on yesterday. - see the Express. -

Signed, - A. Pedlar. -

I went to Toronto and I found the fish. mixed amongst other larger caught, exhibited for sale. - - - I then telegraphed Mr. John Price - Port Stanley, - thus: - "What reason can you give for Expressing fresh caught white fish on the 9th instant. to Gallagher. - Toronto; - I am here, - and I saw the fish this day. - Answer me at Hamilton. - - -

Yours &c. - John McKeon. - P.S. -

Such was the reason of Mr. John Price's visit on last sunday forenoon. -

As a matter of course. I took Mr. Price's evidence - and included it in my report of the illegal transaction, as simply found out. -

Mr. Payne - the American Express Agent is liable. - then the Ry. - from Pt. Stanley to London! and Railway. - from London to Toronto. - and Mr. Gallagher, - having these same fish - some of them - mixed amongst others trying to deceive! - I have as in duty bound laid all these things before the fisheries department. - Ottawa: - Now you see. - how fortune favours me: had all the Pt. Stake been kept out. as you kept yours, - all would be right. - - - I saw Mr. Tibble - recently. - he came to Hamilton - to see me: he seems to be alarmed! the new Fish Company of Buffalo, having threatened him. - I suppose you know. as we all Know! that Mrs. E. J. Tibble, carries on the business - and Mr. Tibble looks for her - this is how the matter stands - you

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I suppose I know all this! — well I hope there is no reason for him or for Mrs E. J. Pibble. to be annoyed. — I feel satisfied — the price of fish of all kinds will go up next year; because competition is sure to rise — and with that object in view, and the price of fish having doubled in Georgian Bay, — since I was called upon to make a former Report. — I have recommended that Boat licenses be doubled from $5. to $10. — on a former occasion — I recommend the licenses to be reduced from $10. — to $5. — I have also recommended Tug licenses on Georgian Bay, — to be raised from $5. — to $50. — per year. — This will not affect your Tug people on Lake Erie. — Georgian Bay Tug Fishermen, — have been fishing 21 miles — of Gill nets — for which they only pay $5. — license fee. — I have recommended the quantity of Gill nets to be restricted in each Tug, and the license fee to be raised! — — — I will God willing, after these seven? — ends — go round and get up my returns — for this present year. — — I sincerely thank you and Mrs Emery for your Kindness in inviting me — to drive direct to your House next time I come to Port Burwell! I shall do so! you may depend upon my word. — It is so kind of you! — I hope you are all well! every member of my family — including Mrs Kerr — are in excellent health — and the sinews and tendons of my knees — are growing again, and the empty or vacuum place at my knee cap is filling up again! Kindly remember me to Brother Wm Rackhouse Mr Henry Swan, — Bro: Lindsay and Brown — and Deming. —

I have nothing more to write you about at present, — will tell you some stews, when I come up; — I travelled last quarter 2,291 miles: And now Mr friend — who has always set an example of the law abiding subject. loyal and true. Kindly remember me to Mrs Emery, and your Kind good children — my warm friends, — May God bless you — one and all. — —

Yours, — very truly, — S. — Mr Kerr. — Esq.

Printed Fishing Licence.—

Philip Tuffford Esqre
Clinton.—
Beamsville.—
Ont.—

Mailed on the
24. November 1887.

Printed Licence.—

Mr John Sands.—
Clinton.
Beamsville
Ont.
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Mailed on
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Mr James R. Gordon.—
10, mile Creek.—
Grantham.—
Ont.
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Printed Licence.—

Mr William Sands.—
Clinton.—
Beamsville.—
Ont.
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Mailed on
24. Nov: 1887.

Printed Licence.—

Mr Peter Deter,
Clinton,
Beamsville.
Ont.

Mailed on
24 Nov: 1887.

Hamilton, Ont.

Sir,

21st November 1887.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. declining to give Edward Joyce, of Port Credit, late of Bronte, a Boat license to fish gill nets in Lake Ontario, fronting on the County of Peel. -

Thus: -

"Pending further enquiries into the matter of alleged encroachments by Bronte fishermen on the limits licensed to Mr. W. B. Woolland, the license applied for by you on behalf of Edward Joyce, is withheld."

"Meanwhile, you will please immediately refund to Joyce, the sum of $5.00, which you took from him, and inform him, that, until the Department has come to a decision in the matter of Bronte fishermen fishing in waters fronting the County of Peel, he is to refrain from fishing in such waters."

In reply, I beg to inform you, that I have in strict conformity with your order handed Edward Joyce $5.00, declined by the fisheries department as a license fee, for him to fish gill nets in Lake Ontario, fronting on the County of Peel. And I read your report to me on the subject to him.

I will now give you in detail some things in connection with this man, which I did not know before this day, after which I will submit and solicit from the Department a free annual license. - although a good loyal subject, I believe he is poor as a pauper; and so at least I was told. -

To

L. O. Bawsat Esqre

For Deputy Minister of Fisheries.

Ottawa, Ont.

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Edward Joyce, is a loyal subject, and an old fisherman of 40 years standing. he is 53 years old.--- commenced fishing with the late deceased David Ward, of Toronto Island.--- He has fished at Port Credit, in Lake Ontario, in years past.--- Has fished for several years in Georgian Bay.--- He returned to Bronte, when fishing became a success there. fished for a land shore.---

He is no relative of Thomas Joyce, and Brothers, Bronte fishermen.-- But through their kindness was able to get up a fishing rig and boat:-- Found so many other fishermen crowded in to Bronte, and not able to compete with them, and unable to procure a home there for his family,- he moved down to Mr. Frank Reids near Port Credit, on Lake Shore,- Township of Toronto, who has a boat license to fish gill nets in Lake Ontario, fronting on the County of Peel.- and commenced to fish for a land shore.--

Then he was visited by W. B. Woollcombe,- who wants to get through his friends the exclusive and privilege right to fish 72 square miles of Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Peel, for the usual boat license of $5.00, to the exclusion of many other fishermen, who have fished in Lake Ontario, for several years.-

On finding such was the case; I said to Edward Joyce- you have a Boat and 15 gill nets- I understand, but I do not permit you to fish, without a license!- he borrowed $5.00, sent it to me and I applied for, and I recommended in my report of 16th instant for the license to be granted,- which you now refuse to give him, for reasons assigned.-----

I may tell you that Edward Joyce has not been successful in fishing.. he has a wife and (7,-) seven children; his eldest daughter was married

within the last 18 months, but her husband recently died in the City of Hamilton, and she had to return to her father,- and mind her four younger brother's and sister's!- she is likely soon to become a mother!-- Edward Joyce, has rented a small House at Port Credit for $2.00 ct. per month!- whilst his wife with the other 2 children, rents a room in the City of Hamilton, and works out for a living and to help her husband to support the family!----

After I had given Edward Joyce $5.00 ct. expecting as he told me,- he would be able to get along now without being rounded out, as he had lately been at Brantford,- he was much effected.--

I felt bad myself, seeing his poor half clothed children, the poor furniture, and little of it, with the prospect of fishing put off, signified cold comfort, for small children commencing House Keeping at this inclement season of the year at Pt. Credit.

On seeing everything as I have describe it, and hearing from Joyce himself, what this report contains,- I candidly told him I would lay his case before the Department, and recommend that you will be pleased to grant to Edward Joyce,- Port Credit, a Boat license, to fish 2,000 Yards of Trout, and Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario, fronting on the County of Peel,- Free,- gratis.-- His poverty entitles him to it.-- I will provide 1,000, yards of Gill net.---- I may tell you in conclusion, that I was told confidentially- that James Delaney, Bill Harrison and Harry Clark,- Pt. Credit, the B. Woollards- Crew- fished up 40. gill nets in Lake Ontario, fronting on County of Peel, on Sunday, 13th November instant, and caught Trout and Herring.-- Respectfully Submitted.----

3.- John W. Kerr- Fishery Overseer

Memo: for S. P. Bennett Esqre.
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa! Ont, —

Re the application I made for a Boat li-
-ce for Edward Joyce, Bt^on Credit, I send
you a letter in reply to your memo. —
My impression is, that Edward Joyce has
to strug- very hard for his big family
wife and -ldren, for to make ends meet.
I hope -- will be pleased to reconsid-
der her -- and give him a licence, If
will ne- -to, for to have the public say:
tha D. -ment, refused to give Edward
Joyce - fishing licence and his family in
a Starving Condition. — —

On Sunday the 13th instant, the wea-
-ther being stormy for some days before —
James Delaney, - Bill Harrison and Henry
Clark - I heard went and fished up. —
And I also was told that some of the
Bronte fishermen, were out on 13th inst.
and fished up. — I have not heard
if they set, - I will find it out. — —

It would certainly be a grand Monopoly,
if Woolland, could manage to get a lease
in front of the County of Ont. at the rate
of $5.00 p. for Boat. — Something after
the J. and B. Bobs fashion. —

If such a thing in the fishing world
can happen, - I was told privately Mr. B.
Woolland - would be Boycotted. — —
Woolland has quarrelled with Warner,
who fishes for him, - and there is where
the spite exists. — —

What shall I do in the case? - I don't
see that Bronte fishermen, have gone be-
yond the County of Halton - much. — —
With Burlington Beach, and Bronte
fishermen, - there is never a word. — —
Woolland is desirous I hear, - that I
should try the case; but suppose I did,
9 miles away out in Lake Ontario, so far
that you cant see a Boat, with the
present formation of the County of Ont,

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in the Lake - Thomas Joyce of Beamsville, told me the jibbing complained of was done in the County of Halton, and not in Peel.-- What shall I do, I have no case before me; and unless ordered by the Department, I shall not go about hunting up for a case.---

Beamsville jibbermen, - and young Mr Reid, I was told were out on sunday the 13th instant, and Woolands men are silent on this subject.-- Woolland - I was told knew all about the sunday jibbing and it was carried on at his instance.---

This kind of thing does not often happen - it should never happen at all.--- I will blow them up for it.---

My friend, I deeply regret to hear of your trouble, may God support you.-

I have had a long letter from Gordon of Dennys Mills - giving the measurements of fishway. Vc. - Yours respectfully,-

Hamilton, Ont. John W. Kerr.—

26. Nov: 1867. Fo.-

Hamilton Ont. -

26. Nov: 1867.-

My dear Hodgins:-

[illegible] - [illegible] - next Tuesday - [illegible] - Train [illegible] - [illegible] - Kind regards to you - [illegible] - Believe me -

Yours Sincerely -

John W. Kerr

Fo.

[illegible] Fo. F. F. F.

Highland Creek - Ont

Memorandum! - for S. O. Rouset Esq.
Fisheries Department. -
Ottawa. Ont. -

I heard in yesterday afternoon: - That fishing is being carried on, in Georgian Bay, on the north shore, and the fish - white fish and trout - are clandestinely sent from there by Owen to the Buffalo dealers. - They barrels containing the fish are labeled Cat fish - Trout and white fish placed in the bottom - and covered over with the Catfish. The Carriers - Fraser - at Victoria Harbour, Midland - could be able to detect them. - got no Trout nor White fish yet in Wiarton - I saw Dudley, - here from Pt. Dover, on yesterday, and he told me no fish arrived for him nor from him at Pt. Dover. - Order out his Bound Bats. - in Collingwood Bay. - before the close season ends - and liberate all the fish from the Pots. - -

I send you George Gordon's letter, with everything connected with it with the Fishway. - You can read it and send it back to me again. - - -

It may do very well for Major Tilton to screen - Sam: Wilmot. when he sends him special at the instance of McCauley, M.P. - as an Expert to contradict my report, and abuse and reflect on me. - -

At the request of some person from the Department, I helped McCauley, at last Election - and gave Mair - statement a flat contradiction, as to why he was dismissed. -

No wonder for the Deputy - to place me and Gordon at the mercy of such a worthless vagabond as Sam! - whose testimony would not be credited unless corroborated by reliable information - from respectable persons. - I am no tool in the Deputy's hands. - - Anything about my G. Bay report - I may get punished yet for daring to make such a truthful telling report. - -

Yours respectfully. -
J. Whitcher. - C.O.

John Crotty Jun. Esqre
Fishery Overseer. — Hamilton 1. Ont. —
Rothwell. Ont. 26.
November 1887. —

My dear Friend. —

I send you herewith the return you ask for and require. — I made a report to The Fisheries Department. Ottawa. — on the Thames River fisheries, dams and fishways on the 30th April last. — It contained 17 pages of foolscap. — Here is what I said about you: — thus: — "There are four seines fished in the River Thames, between Cashmere dam, and Louisville Brige. across the river: besides six dip nets, aggregating a catch up to the day of my inspection of 76. Barrels of fish, — Viz. 19. Barrels of Pickerel, and 57. Barrels of soft fish. K.

"Mr. John Crotty's Division extends from Cashmere dam to Louisville Bridge — and he accompanied me over his Division, and back to Thamesville Station of Grand Trunk Railway." —

"I recommend that you will be pleased to equalize Duncan McCann and Crotty's divisions." —

"And I recommend that you will be pleased to furnish the Rothwell Division with a boat,

and a pair of oars". — "It will enable the local Overseer there, Mr. John Crotty Jun. to be more active and efficient in the discharge of his duties amongst the fishermen". —

"The Moravian Indians, and White men fishing being carried on, on both sides of River Thames in his Division". — "I can procure an excellent boat for $ 40.00 c. if you order me to do so". — And thus you will see. that I did not forget your boat. — In my annual report, I will again refer to the boat and for the manners of the Department. — —

About the wild Turkeys. — I want a good large hen and gobler. — but $ 3.00 c. should be a price sufficient. — About the Gobler I got last summer. — I gave it to my friend Mr. Andrew Gage who lives down at Bamleighs Bay. — he let it out, with his other wild turkeys. — they commenced to beat him, and he flew away. He has never seen that Gobler since.

I may here tell you Mr Gage has about 70 wild turkeys - tamed, splendid birds. - - - He has a good large farm to keep them on. - - - I am glad to tell you that my knee is getting well again - - - I can walk slowly along. - - I dont think I will be lame. I have have had a good deal to do with the Fishways on the Thames - all summer - it is slow work - and will take another year to finish them. - - - At last thank God - we have got good rain and plenty of it. - Until now it has been a very dry year. - - -

I hope to hear Your business has been good and profitable. - And that yourself and family - are enjoying Gods blessing. - - To Them 2 particular friends - who came with you to the Hotel. - to treat me - please give my warm regards - and respects, and believe me - Yours Sincerely. - - - John W Kerr - - -

3. — J.O.

P.S.

I was on Georgian Bay. - from 7th of September until the 20th of October last; enquiring into the fisheries - and how every thing was carried on in connection with the extensive fisheries up there. - I made my report; and so far that ends it. -

I has 61 pages of evidence, - I submitted 8 pages - of foolscap - report therewith. -

Yours Sincerely, -

John W Kerr. - - J.O.

Hamilton / Ont. —
2nd December 1887.-

My friend Mrs Elliott.-

Your Kind favour having
I will send forward the application of
Mr. Andrew Van Steenburg of Youngs-
town, N. Y. — for a license to fish —
the Niagara River — between Black
Horse Towers and Navy Bay. — for
balance of this year and all of next
year. — He can have it. — get from
him $20. — license fee — and keep for
me until I come down next week. — —

With Kind regards to you and
family. — believe me as ever! —
a Friend! —
John W. Kerr. — P.O. —

Mrs Jane Elliott. —
Niagara / on
the Lake. — Ont

All well. Thank
you! — my Kind
Love! — —

Hamilton / Ont. —
12. December 1887. -

My Friend. Mrs Elliott. -

Owing to my having to go to
Sarnia, and Lake Huron last week, and
off to Toronto this morning and perhaps
to Lake Huron again this week - it will
be some days still before I can come to
Niagara! - you know it is not to me
what it used to be in the past, — when
I enjoyed myself with Mr Elliott and your
children; always good natured and kind
to me. — I am reduced 22 pounds in weight
my Knee is much better, and otherwise I
am always in good health. — Kindly re-
member me to Lucy and her sisters. — I hope
you are all well — poor Mr Elliott your trials
are very severe, — God give the back for the
burden. — yours has been a heavy load to carry.
We are all well. God bless you all. —

Yrs Truly. — John W. Kerr. —

Hamilton Lieut.
25th December 1854.

My Dearest Mrs Heart.

Your kind Queen Heart
I write home Queen the application of
the Business Queen Hamilton of Queen=
Hearts. It Queen - Queen Heart Queen=
Hearts Queen our Queen Heart Queen
Queen Queen - Queen Heart Queen
Queen 4 Queen - Queen Queen Heart
me write Queen Queen Heart Queen. - -

With Kind Regards to you and
family. Believe me ever
Yours
Hamilton -

Hamilton Lieut.
12th December 1854.

My Dearest Mrs Heart.

Seeing by my Queen he Queen to
Queen, our Queen Queen. Heart Heart. me.
Queen he Queen this morning our Queen
Queen Queen Queen Queen Queen. it write
he Queen Queen Queen Queen Queen
Queen Queen Queen Queen Queen
Queen. - Queen Queen it is Queen me
Queen it Queen he is Mrs Heart. - Queen
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Queen Queen in Queen Heart. Heart Queen
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We me me Mrs Heart Queen Queen me.
Mrs Heart - Queen Hamilton -

Memorandum for L. P. Brault Esqre.
Fisheries Department, —
Ottawa: Can.—

Tuesday morning. I left here
— North Western Ry.— Train,
— Toronto. there changed off to the G:
T. Ry.— — Brampton.— On the arrival of
the Train here — I met Mr. W. A. McCulla.—
M.P.P. for — platform, who most cordially
received me — showed me to a cab, and
drove to the Queens Hotel, and there to his
own house — where I had dinner with him,
his wife — children!— After which we
proceeded — to his office, where he read for
me Wood's letter, which he considers un-
— and — opposed to the regulations
of the Department.— Mr. McCulla will
work with the Fisheries Department.— not
otherwise!— The letter contained many
untruths: which I explained away!: and he
wrote James Hamilton Esqre J.P. of Port
Credit, a letter this evening for me to
take

turn in with me and arrange the matter
note, as a matter of course you know how
the case would be arranged by Hamilton.—
Charles Nurse. Humber Bay.— went fish.—
fishing the same localities of Lake Ontario
that Woodland and Co. of Toronto own-
ship fish: and where the Toronto fishermen
have fished for many years past before
Woodland went to Port Credit. Like Ingram
and not being agreeable to him he got back
to Yorkville. where he and the Longs were
at daggers drawn. he knew Mr. Credit for
future operations. expecting through James
Hamilton: to get all the territory for fish-
ing. fishing on the beauty of Port. to the
exclusion of old resident fishermen. so that
Woodland. should have it all to himself.
Town Brooks. fishermen. who discovered
the Lake fisheries, must keep off. and an
effort was made to present Brooks fish-
ermen. from making Mr. Credit Harbour in
any — — — — — — — — — — — —

And so we receive A Book Sent with a gilt rig of Silk note. that Book re- Jugs in Port Credit Harbour - was sent adrift - and Woolland was so elated over what he had done. that he told the thing to a person:- who instantly told me of it . . . The wind slipped after the Boat and note - was sent a drift. and next morning instead of being out in Lake Ontario - the Boat drifted in the Niagara . .

Hamilton - made me promises if I'd give Woolland - preference to every one else :- Well - James Hamilton - will never be able - to help any one I done so . . .

And if he and Woolland - write any more lying letters about me - I will have stop them, - and show them who I am . -

God help them and Save: Walsh - if they vex me; depend upon it, that when all men mock they would regret what they [illegible]

Light the the finish : . [illegible]

I suppose taking [illegible] the other side. for you : [illegible] of the old Church Gibbons. [illegible] I have a mean finish : . I should suppose strong. [illegible] he was at least to make the get to the fishing grounds. and Church Gibbons, the first person that met; [illegible] and said about the same sickness! — this kept from the use of these things. that I am always in accord with you : — The Lord in any [illegible] in that part of Lake Erie and Scotland is a subject. he made us for himself . . . the [illegible] is a nice young gentleman, about 40 years [illegible] Brampton. [illegible] he is 50 years of age. is a carpenter and Builder in your township. born in Belfast, Ireland . . . his father is still alive, and he is 84 years of age and is Clerk of the Town of Brampton . . . He is a good [illegible] and [illegible] this Lord's side not the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

elected again...

The Welds &c &c for Halton - Leading with a Jail protected against - and he is sure to be dispossessed... The majority of the Grand Jurymen - voted for the Government there dictated. They dont want pay for doing this: same as Woolland is looking for! - and when the proper time arrives - I will attend to the Grand matter again...

As yet Woolland what he has been asking for would have created great loss and confusion in Barrie. Burlington Grand Jurymen sat and fixed in front of the County of Halton - and Grand Jurymen are in consequence obliged to fall down on the knee of Halton, - next to County of Peel. -

Woolland in his letter of complaint to the Att. Gen. Cullen - said he was sure I did not report the case fair to the Department, because the word Monopoly - occurred in my answer to James Hamilton Esq. M.P. - I did not put quotation marks in the word

At this request. -

Ten yesterday - I called in the office of Messrs. Symons. - James Grand, Hamilton, when they handed me the enclosed documents, and they told me a long tale about the Orangeman people...

The Lords - the [illegible] Grand Jurymen people [illegible] the habit of having one monthly - and fixing in another the Queens Bench - I claim they have a right to a Grand Jury for a Grand Jury year...

Now the Lord Grand Jurymen... Seventy two have taken upon themselves under the above order in Council, the claim the privilege of having the fixing of their Jury fine have been raised to $6.00 - instead of one dollar... And it is true, the three pounds... Hamilton Esq. told me - it is a loss of $45.00 a year - for them people about 60 of them get all their supplies yearly at Lords...

You might write a letter to the [illegible]

the Misses Semelé explaining how matters are under this New order of things.— It will have a good effect!— and you can please send me back the enclosed.—

You would be pleased if you saw my Violin has come back again in my possession. Miss Rose is improving, and I have furnished myself with Drapers— to present me from freezing again.—

Ole Le Caron in Lake Erie— are I understand taken out: some blowers at a second time.— If convenient please send me 5/— to meet current expenses.— I will commence down and get up my commodities, Furs and reports.— I want some black patches— To be made by old Tilbury, at the end of fishing season?— I will require about 150.— Spring is at our door for here, it rained here all last night.—

You know am a man so pleased in your life. as Mrs Hall will tell you, I told her, I — Tilbury by bill.—

he was under the impression she was I was a bachelor.— I got him two votes during last election. and I shall have another for him very soon at next election.— his family were Lincoln. about the same time. 1815!— in 1866.—

He agrees on the policy. he wants change to my first plan.—

he getting the things — the wants made on bill.—

Mr Hall has been a good deal put about by the fracas over his Son for Mrs Dyer, Smiths Lake. Campbell I will do it for the Lodge— Mr Hall wants. I have no more to say to you at present!— except no another year, nothing 24 of them, will end in 12 days more!— I pray that for my always bless you and yours!— You have never deceived me.—

Your brother Lodge
friend! John Hall Esq
Dear Rep —

On last saturday, I have no doubt all the fishermen, between B. Beach & Pt. Credit in Lake Ontario - fished up! some of them were set out for 18 days - and could not be lifted in consequence of storms and rough weather soon. - -

As regards Woollard and Bronte fishermen, - this month - December, will finish up licenses for 1887. - Then Woollard, can have a licence to fish - 3 - Boats - if he wants to do so. - - & within bounds - should be set - in future. - - The most industrious - men - always succeeds best. - -

present Bronte - fishermen are be- - crowded - and some of them - have to leave and go to Pt. Dalhousie, and Pt. Union, - Ont. - - - in fact will have to foleow the Toronto, except to her own Island people - must be kept free. - I saw Conner Hallinall - in Toronto, on last tuesday

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Johnson I have not seen for a long time! - Ashbridges Bay - is being well fished by the Tongs and Marshes of Leslieville - I saw Bass - Pike, - Sun fish and Catfish in the Market - caught by them.

White fish were caught in Lake Ontario at Trenton - during close season, a person who saw the fish told me so. - - Every fisherman - I heard fished in Georgian Bay - during last November perhaps Mefs Mc Carthy and Gaman, gave them leave. - -

Alex Clark - and Reid - his brothers partner - who died 6 weeks ago, sold out their fisheries last week at Selkirk, - for $ 60.000. - - Money in fishing still. - -

Yrs. Respectfully. - -

John Wilkes. - - J. O.

5. Nov: 1887. - - -

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Memo: for S. O. Kennet Esqre
Fisheries Department.—
Ottawa: Ont.—

Your instructions regarding Port Dalhousie smelts which received. I will start for there on tomorrow: and I will endeavour to do—what your private Memo: points out,—No doubt but I can accomplish it.——

As regards the International Bridge, Niagara River,—there was no Petition:—a letter you sent me dated 8th of June last, stated "This department is advised from the International Bridge, Niagara River, that great dissatisfaction is expressed against Fishermen being allowed to haul their seines in that neighbourhood to the injury of Hook and line fishing."——

There was no petition,—it was a letter dated 8th of June last,—as above:———

When I return from Dalhousie—I will go to the International Br: and report as you advise.——"A Member of Parliament should never forget his friends and supporters."—

I got the enclosed Post Card from James Hamilton Esqre J. P.—Port Credit,—I am aware that Mr W. A. McCulla—wrote to Hamilton,—for he read the letter to me before it was sent to the Post office on last thursday afternoon!—I wonder who is the Commissioner he will have there to meet me:—"I shall never budge an inch—except according to your order, and instructions—in Woolcombs case."—

It will have to stream in abeyance however for the present.——

I will tell you about these customers—when I get there.——

With many thanks and warm regards,—Believe me,—

Yours Respectfully,—
Phil Wilkes—P. O.

Hamilton Ont.
5. Dec: 1887.

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Memo: for S. P. Bawart Esqre
Fisheries Department -
Ottawa, Ont, -

I got through at Sarnia at 11. a.m on the 2nd day - and I left there at 12 Noon for home, and got here at 6. p.m -

Except - to get a glance at Mr D: McMaster in the main street - Sarnia - after I came back from being down St Clair River 8 or 9 miles - that was all I saw of him. - I did not know the start intended to go near him - he was in Toronto, when I arrived at Sarnia; - on Tuesday night. - On wednesday morning, I went to St Helens; and I got Tom Hotchkiss to drive me up Lake Huron beach as far as Thomas Humphrey's - who was putting out his seine - in the Lake - Huron, to make a haul - when we left for Sarnia. From enquiries I made - I found that the fishermen - had paid Mr McMaster their license fee as far back as last January.

I may as well tell you that my suspicions led me to believe that Mr McMaster, collected the license fees for year 1887 - and that perhaps he had kept the Money: as others like him - have done before and used it in his business. - Well on receipt of your letter containing blotters - plans: for you - and the returns of license fees for the year 1886. - I find this is exactly what Mr D: McMaster, has done; well it is about time some to stop him. - - -

On receipt, please order me as you did once before - to collect the license fees - in Mr D: McMasters, division: - "From Kettle point on Lake Huron; to Baby's point on River St Clair" - for year 1887. - and I will do so, and send it down to the Department, and then you can get rid of Mr D. McMaster.

I may here state for your information - that before your letters arrived

at Rattlechamber House - Sarnia - I had left for Hamilton - but I received your letters today - as they were headdressed to me here. - - -

I send you a draft of my report on these Small White fish - Lakes River St Clair - Herring - - -

A reward of $ 1,000. would not procure Small white fish - in River St Clair - nor in Lake Huron - this year, for they have not been seen there. -

Last year in June, when hauling up the Lake from Point Edward - fishermen caught some small white fish - but they very properly stopped fishing - until the small school passed. -

I met Mr Adam Brown - M.P. at Sarnia - and we sat together from Sarnia to Hamilton. - Mr Brown told me - McMaster, must be got rid of, and that He Hon Mr John Carling M.P. had written him to this effect. - Hot he was glad he met me - as he intended writing to the Department - to send me up there - as McMaster must be got rid of - for he does nothing, except to belify and oppose the Government. -

I told Mr Brown, I would be writing you today - and I could mention the matter to you. - - -

So I will be ready to return to Sarnia - as soon as I hear from you, and will then travel all over McMasters Division - from end to the other and see every fisherman - who have fished there this year - and how much he paid to McMaster, for the privilege of fishing - for 1887 - and when he paid. - Give me instructions to call on Mr McMaster - for the amount of licence fees for 1887. - Messrs Craig and Lang have damaged some fishing - since they commenced to fish O. Nets - between Blue point, and and Kettle point. - Yours respectfully,

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Hamilton, Ont.-
9th December 1887.--

Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of 3rd instant, enclosing letter dated London, Ont.- 1st of December inst.- from Overseer, Peter McCann,- to the Deputy Minister, complaining that W. Hill and Coy.- Merchants at Sarnia, have been furnishing the London Market &c.- with smaller white fish, put up pickled in Pails of 20 lbs. each,- labeled Family White fish,- Hill and Coy,- "Sarnia"--.

In obedience to your instructions, I proceeded to Sarnia,- on Tuesday last, where I arrived that night,- and having made all necessary enquiries in this case,

I have to report that the fish are all Herring got up by Hill and Coy.- as per the W. H. Hills certificate herewith: These Herring have all been caught in St Clair River, below Sarnia, by Amos and John Chester, this season, Indian Fishermen.- The whole thing is a cunning trick, a fraud and swindle, and should not be tolerated to exist any longer, deceiving the public and should I think be frowned down at once by the fisheries department and the head officer at Sarnia, who, instead of doing so, has made an attempt to conceal the fact, as per report to you, of the 7th March last, that the pails were labeled by a firm east- who had bought a quantity put up in this way,- and had them labeled "Family White fish".- The W. H. Hills certificate herewith, which is true and correct contradicts Overseers D. McMasters unfounded assertion; for the Hills- states over his name,- "Branded Family White fish".-

S. O. Ramsay Sgt.
For The Deputy Minister
of Fisheries- Ottawa.

I saw Mr. Chester, Deputy Inspector, at Sarnia, - who inspects, and classifies the pickled fish, at Sarnia, he has inspected no fish, pickled and put up in Bails. - It was it appears after Mr. Chester, had made his inspection; that Stile and Coy, - had the Herring changed from the half barrels and put up in Bails, and labelled and branded Family White fish. - -

With reference to the heavy losses alluded to in D. McMaster's report of carrying over Herring from 1885 catch, to the year 1886. - - - By Stile and Coy:- They are much to blame themselves for the way they acted in the matter. - They washed the fish, repickled them, mixed them with fresh caught fish, and sold them all off; instead of burying the fish of 1885. in the deep pits. - - - At least so I was informed by reliable authority - all under the eye of Mr. D. McMaster, local Curser. - -

A very old resident of Sarnia - told me on yesterday there, that he was perfectly astonished that the Fishing Department would keep a man in office, paying him $200,- salary a year, for doing nothing. - - I was informed that during the last month - close season for Salmon Trout and White fish, - Elvin Lemieux - of Sarnia - an old fisherman, - sold White fish and Salmon Trout, which he brought on the Ferry from Port Huron, and sold openly in the streets and public Market place of Sarnia, and all the Curser D. McMaster, has had his attention called to it by Fishermen Hiscocks - he would take no notice of it whatever. - This occurred during the recent "Close Season" - and for the previous four years - while the sale of fish was being carried on then by Hiscocks in Sarnia. -

It is necessary that I should tell you how these Rain St. Clair. Herring are put up so as to deceive the public. ---

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First. ---

Cut split on the belly of the Herring - it is called a Cisco - Cleaned and pickled with head off. --

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Second. ---

Split on the belly and scaled down the back is called a Flat herring. ---

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Third. ---

Split down the back, same as White fish, (pickled.) and this is called a Flat. ---

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The first and third, are extensively put up for the American Market. ---

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How to Know small white fish, from Herring. when cleaned and pickled and their heads cut off.

The white fish are a light brownish colour, on the back when folded up, than a Herring is. The tail of a White fish is broader than a Herring. ---

Canada Mr Master should have stopped this and buy - grown selling Herring under the name of "Breakfast White fish" and not leave it to the Cruisers of other Divisions - in Ontario, to discover such a wanton fraud and swindle, if Canada Mr Master was attending to his business this year, his attention being called to same matter last year, this thing should not have happened a second time. --- Respectfully Submitted. ---

J. Phillips Kerr.

Fishery Overseer

3.

Sir.- 12. December 1884.

I am in receipt of Overseer F. G. M.- Fraser's letter to the Deputy Minister, dated Victoria Harbour, 2nd inst. Decr. inclosed, with your Memorandum thereon to me to let you know what I think of it is;- I may tell you all these things amongst such wise peoples as Mr. Fraser is the same all over!-

As regards my movements in Georgian Bay- last September, which consisted in going from Collingwood, to Killarney;- and from thence to French River; and return- the report I made to the Department, dated 20th inst. of October 1884,- will prove to you, with the evidence attached thereto, that I was not intentionally misled, neither then, nor heretofore nor subsequent to my visit to the places referred to, and persons named: when I made my first visit there on the 15th 16th and 17th inst. of September last. - - -

When at French River, on the 15th and 16th of September last, I advised Messrs. Lincoln and Mc Lean, to obey strictly- our fishery laws- and I am pleased to hear they have done so, for I expected when I gave that advice it would have been attended to. - -

Overseer Fraser says:- "As far as the Yankees are concerned, as the New terms Mean. Viz."- "They did not set a Net after 25th October, the Crews of their Boats had all returned to their homes in Michigan, and nets were all stored away for the winter:"- "Proving conclusively according to Mr. F. G. M.- Fraser, That when the Crews are Yankees."- Their homes are in Repair- Michigan. - - -

S. C. Bourget Esqre
Fisheries Department.-
Ottawa.- Ont.-

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I don't think Mr. F. G. M. Fraser, - knows the contents of my report of 20th October last, - why he does he make the broad assertion - that I was altogether misled. - I question Mr. Evans sanity: - I know him very well for some years past, for two reliable seasons, - I have not seen him yet. -

I have to report that Mr. D. Cameron, of Killarney, has never misled me, he has always been honorable and faithful to me. - - - Mr. Evans's letter as far as I can gather it; goes only to prove that Mr. D. Cameron's letter and information was strictly true and correct - if placed in the hands of a shrewd disinterested person, to enforce the Close Season Law. -

Mr. Fraser tells the Department thus: - "I have no hesitation in pronouncing the Fish dealers of Killarney, the greatest fish pirates in Georgian Bay."

He should be more careful: - Mr. James Noble, Mr. John Jackson: both magistrates and Justices of the Peace - at Killarney - are the only Fish dealers there in November. - - -

Mr. Fraser says in his letter thus: "When at Killarney - on the 13th November, I saw 16 fishing boats extra men'd lying in the sheets above Killarney, - they of course had no nets but they were bound for when their nets were." - It is strange Fraser did not follow them up and be in a position at least to report to you where they fished next: and what fish they caught. - - - Fraser had no business in Killarney Harbour - of endeavouring to capture illegal fishermen - fishing during close season. -

Remembering this James Cotton and boy, - in days past, I sent caught D. Cameron, of Killarney, -

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I feel grateful to him for he has never deceived me... Almost as D. Cameron is - a Trader; trading at Killarney - I cannot blame him, being as it was that he is alone amongst the greatest Pirates - as Fish dealers on Georgian Bay. ...

Whenever you send me hereafter to Georgian Bay - in "Close Season" - I will also pay the J.P.s, Traders, of Victoria Harbour, how the rapacious Pirates - "Fishermen and Fish dealers" - breaking the Fisheries "Close season" - in Georgian Bay. ...

When you sent me to Georgian Bay, - in the year 1863, - to end James Cattons, Carrier, mind you - I had given Wm. D. Cameron, before, and altho' I had previously had of 85, - worth of his pickled herrings and sold at Owen Sound; - a total loss to him; he turned in, stuck fish, fast, true and faithful to me ever since. ...

With the same information I have had, and now and various at different times - I would not be found as he was telling about Killarney Harbour, close season - Trout and Mackinaw fish, - during close season; - and slaughtered in the Fall Season. -

Respectfully submitted. ...

W. Wilkes -

Fishery Overseer. -

P.S. -

The information I receive from D. Cameron, I respected to have received in supposing wrongly. I have myself often made; and the Captains of all our boats, who brought the Trout in the Killarney, and with Jackman and J. Noble, taking in fish, at night, and off out again, before I captured them, I would not be seen there. ... J. W. Wilkes P.O.

[illegible]: Jos S. P. Bennet Esqre
Fisheries department. —
Ottawa! —

I send you what I think about that letter of 2nd inst. from F. G. M. Fraser, to The Deputy: —

Perhaps he alludes to my report of 20th October last on Georgian Bay Fisheries - last or sent to the M: G. — Walton McCarthy, - to criticise me: — even if it is so: I don't fear McCarthy and all his crew. - - - -

I never received an acknowledgement of the report, at Ottawa, and this is an usual thing! —

Allan Clark - returned home from Lake Nipissing to Collingwood; - after settling up his brother's affairs there. — he will be going to Buffalo shortly - and is to call and see him. I heard from him last week to this effect. —

I will go to Toronto on Thursday and find out for you what Johnson, is not doing! - I have not seen him since last summer, but I am aware that Nottawasaga Bay, - is being extensively fished by Messrs Lang's and Meaches, - but he never noticed there was any one else; I saw a quantity of Trout, Pike and sturgeon - with Mr. Henry, a Fish dealer in Toronto, - on 12 November, last and he told me from whom he bought them - Johnson - does nothing - and I don't know what he is, but I will find it out on Thursday and let you know. -

If I get your answer to my Report on Thursday, on Lennie - Fleming and McMaster's license fees - for this season - I will be [illegible] sure to Lennie, and also over McMaster's Fishery - just as if there was nothing or there! no trouble about the case now! - I saw Mr. Adam Brown, on saturday - after I wrote you -, he said

Hamilton: Ont.—
27. December 1887.

My Friend and Brother.—

I send you a blank form and return for you to fill up with all the different Kinds of fish you have caught during this year 1887.—

You can take your time - be very particular, omit nothing.— And as regards fish Stores, Ice Stores, Net Stores and Boat Boat Stores. &c.— send the same on the back of the return.—

I hope you are all well— remember me to the ~~girls~~ — I send you the compliments of the season - and many happy returns.— You will be glad to hear my knee is getting better.— Just this day 12 months ago I got the severe fall that hurted me.—

With kind and warm regards to you and yours — Believe me.—

Yours Fraternally.—
John O'Hara. — P.O.

would write the Deputy - regarding Mr Forster, and posted as Mr Brown was by the Kenora - a Wholesale merchant, at Sarnia - he was surprised when I told him what I knew about Mr Brown:—

How he told me something the Deputy told him in my favour! I suppose for Brown to get; as you were the Fishing department - no matter who is at the Helm:— Hodges and I - but not Mr Hay.

On Friday next, my 28 years are up:— For His mercy and goodness endureth for ever!—

Just in closing this year, I thank you sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your Kindness to me at all times... always God bless you and yours....

Yours with great respect and warm regards.—

John O'Hara.

12. December 1887.— Fishery Company

&c.

Hamilton, Ont.
13. December 1887.

Sir.-

In obedience to the instructions of the Department of the 3rd inst., I proceeded to Sarnia on the 6th inst., in order to investigate the complaint made by Messrs. McLean, that young white fish packed up in pails by Hill and Loy,- merchants of Sarnia, were offered for sale on the markets of London.-

You will probably remember that, a complaint of a similar nature was made last year, when I had the honor to draw your attention to the matter.---

The result of my investigation was as follows.-

The fish in question are Herrings caught in St. Clair River below Sarnia, this season by two Indians, Dan and John Blaster.-- The whole thing is a prearranged swindle got up for the purpose of defrauding the public, which should not be tolerated.-

I saw the Deputy Inspector of Pickled fish at Sarnia, & he assured me he had inspected no pickled fish put up in pails.- He however inspected large number of pickled fish in half barrels, but it was after he had made his inspection that Hill & Loy,- had the fish changed from the half barrels, packed in pails and labelled "Family Whitefish".-

The process of the dearing the public in the matter of Herrings on the River St. Clair is as follows:-

First:- Cut it in the belly of the Herring, cleaned and pickled with the head cut off; and it called Cisco.

Second:- Split the belly and down the back; and it is called Flat Herrings.-

Third:- Split down the back same as White fish (pickled) and it is called Flat.

John Tilton Esqre.
Deputy Minister
Ottawa!

The first and third Kinds are extensively put up for the American Market.--

How to distinguish young White fish from Herring when cleaned for Market and heads cut off.-

The White fish is Quite a light brown color and are sharper on the back than a Herring.-- The back of a young White fish is broader than that of a Herring.-

American Manufacturers would have made it his duty the Stop such a profitable fraud as the sale of Herring under the name of "Breakfast Whitefish" "Family Whitefish" and other fictitious names.--At any rate, he should have asked for instructions instead of trying to shield the discreditable practice as he has done after having his attention called to the matter as it was last year.- All I know is that, did such a thing occur in my division the dealers would soon have to put a stop to it, or the purchasing public would be soon made aware of the difference between fresh water Herring and young white fish.--

From what I heard during my stay in Sandusky, American Manufacturer is very remiss in the performance of his duties; in fact many one says he does nothing but draw his salary and pays no attention whatever to the protection of the fish in the fisheries.-- He keeps a set of fancy Shops, and this I presume absorbs all his time.- It is very much to be regretted that such a state of things should exist because the fisheries of the Lk Huron Mich and Lake Huron are sufficiently valuable to demand proper attention and protection.-- Although the Mr present report is a satisfactory one this one bay,- knowing that the illegal whitefish sold by them are Herring.-

Respectfully Submitted:- J. Whitaker.-

2. Deputy Inspector.-

Confidential.

Hamilton, Ont,
13. December 1887.—

Dear Major Gilton,—

I had but a chance of a glance at McMaster, during my visit to Sarnia, as he was in Toronto at the time.— But from what I heard everywhere, the man is totally unfit for the position besides being a discredit to your Department.—

He seems to pay no attention whatever to his duties as Fishery Overseer; the whole of his time being apparently engrossed in his shop except when he is otherwise employed viz: pulling or canvassing for the Grit Member.—

On my way home, I rode from Sarnia, with one Member Mr Adam Brown, and in the course of conversation, he told me McMaster should be got rid off and that Hon: Mr Carling had written him to this effect.— That he was glad he had met me, that he intended writing to the Department to send me up there to investigate matters as McMasters did nothing else but illicitly and oppose the Dominion Government.— I believe that a thorough overhauling of McMasters division would develope a strange state of affairs.—

Apart from the utter neglect of his duties as Fishery Overseer or the enforcement of the close season, on Lake Huron, I have good grounds to apprehend everything is not square with the licence business.— You may still remember how three [3] years ago when you sent me there I found out that the man was in arrears to a considerable extent, and how I remitted to you $.
which you would probably have lost without my endeavours... I do not pretend to say it would be the same thing now, but I am confident I

John Tilton Esq.
Deputy Minister.
Ottawa

1.

To
Lt. Hamilton, Ord.
Steamer Arrowsic, Oct. 15. 1862.

Dear Sir

Your kind favor received: I may as well tell you that your kind good natured friendly letters are always a token of respect to me... And are always acceptable to me, because they always sustain words of friendship from friends whom I esteem and love and respect... This day ends 28 years as a Volunteer Officer: and also sometimes having disagreeable things to contend with — on the whole you are aware that I get on very well...

I am glad to know that Maj. Lang. Tibbets can make such good blank Returns, and your children are well and happy... Since I wrote you on the 18th ultimo; I have been to St Croix River, Lewiston — and Lake Huron, — and in Bangor, Penobscot & Portland — on special duty. I shall likely have to go back to Lewiston in a few days again... Every thing is not C. K. — I guess up there: —

Could find such things as I
to publish groceries. Knowing
was look and getting rid
Officer... Just say the
Col. Chas. for Gen. —
Yours &c.
Chas. Hamilton
Lt. Col.

Hamilton: Ont.
14. December 1837.

My dear faithful and
Esteemed Friend - Peter! I am in re-
ceipt of yours of the 12th instant, and I am
always quite pleased to hear from you, and
that yourself and family are all enjoying
one of God's best blessings: good health. --
What a comfort it is! for 2 old persons
like you and me, when we reflect on God's
goodness to us during our lives long: that
this good has endured all through for
many years of our lives - yours and mine.
I have been away on Georgian Bay, Lake
Huron - and the Home Circuit a good deal
this year on Special duty - and to use a
settlers phrase - I am now rather rather
waiting for the mend again: but you
may expect me at Cobourg by the first
Train - from here on Tuesday morning the
19th - I cannot also be sure but I think

2

My dear P. for he wants to see me. --
I got the ducks all right, they were
splendid - I sent 6. pair to our friend - Mr
Connel - Ottawa - I will pay you for them on
Tuesday next, - Have you got any more. --
if so bring them to Mr down. -- I want
to see Henry Goff Esqre - of Simcoe - and D.
Sleppe if not inconvenient you might call
at his place and say so - as you come by
there on next Tuesday morning. --

My Wife, and all the other members of
my family are well, and beg to be kindly re-
membered to you. -- All right there so
many Lobby last last Christmas day - so re-
covering slowly. - I shall be glad to meet
you as usual - we are friends - for nearly 23
years - May 23 years as D.C. - and no Townsmen.
But as my Wife has been - I have travelled
Thousands of miles this year. -- With my own
regards - to you and yours - Believe me as
ever! - Your faithful friend and brother officer.
Rev. Peter Jones - P.S. King Credit - J. Williams - J.P.
C. K. S. St. Williams - Ont. - 2.

2.

— You will be surprised when I tell you, that a Merchant, extensively engaged in selling and buying fish — at Sarnia — has been putting up Herring — pickled, 20 pounds in a pail, with a cover nailed on and labelled "Chief White fish" — Nice and big — Sarnia. Ont. —

I made the discovery last year, and being he pretends this year just again. I detected it, by going to Sarnia — It is a regular Yankee game: — I cannot tell you yet how it may end. — I go on tomorrow morning to Port Erie, and Niagara, and Port Dalhousie — having written me: I propose meeting him on next Tuesday at Q. Down. — Now about John Price. I have seen nothing yet in his case — On writing to Mr. Bennet and telling him John sells his father, &c: — whom he dreads least he might lose of his breaking the law; — Bennet wrote me to tell the old man John's father, to give him a good spanking!! — I had a verbal message from Tibbs — a short time ago, by a Pound net fisherman, from Horse Shoe

3.

Harbour Lake Erie — I had an interview with Tibbs last time I saw him — he told me he had to Tons of fish in the Storage at Port Burwell. — He was to come next day after I saw him, and meet the man from Horse shoe harbour, at Wallis Corners, and go on to Pt. Stanley. — I would recommend our Pound Net fishermen to see Mr. Tibbs, he opened up the blanket for them in the first place and fishermen should stick by him — 1.000.000 pounds of fish were sent and sold last winter in Lake Erie, off Buffalo, and sold to this firm Buffalo Fish Co. —

Like this special duty — brings me additional pay — I am 22 pounds lighter than I was when I got that seven pole — I am at a stand still of 220 pounds yet present. —

I will see a person named Baker, to-morrow morning — who will likely buy your fish. — We are all invited hoping this will find you enjoying the same blessing — and with my warm regards to you and yours: — believe me, Very truly Yours — John Wilkes.

Confidential.—

Hamilton, Ont.
15 December 1887.—

[illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible]to, on last Mon-
day— I [illegible]ed them I had you with
me!— I want you confidentially to
find out for me where Overseer William
Johnson lives at present,— if in the City
of Toronto or in the country outside
the [illegible]. Do this at once and let
me know.— "Keep Mum!"—

[illegible] Mill and Coy— of Carnac, have
[illegible] in large quantities of Pic
[illegible], in Jr Barrels,— Separate-
[illegible] Pails of 20 pounds each.
Write a list marked thereon; and labelled
"Family Whitefish"— "Breakfast Whitefish"
Mill and Coy, Carnac,— Ont.—

A quantity of these fish have been
sold to a dealer or dealers in Toronto,

L. O.

See Mrs Billon, Clayton Hay— and
ascertain from them privately who the
parties are engaged in a preconcerted
plan, to defraud the public... &c.
posing on the public.—

Go young Strait, Toronto, you will
find a House or Establishment engaged
in this fraudulent business,— find it out,
but say and do nothing more, just
be in a position to tell me who the
person is engaged in such disgusting
business.— They have been detected in
St Catharines and London... I have
been to Carnac and found it out.—

It is just necessary that you should
find it yourself in Toronto.— The fish
are there.— dont fail;.—

With Kind Regards,—

Yours very truly.—

[illegible]

Wm Hallivell Esqre P.S. Write me when
Highland Creek, } you succeed!
Ont. }

J. O.

Hamilton! Ont.—
19. December 1887.—

Sir.

I am in receipt of a letter dated Ottawa. 13th Inst. 1887.—

The production I have heard of Dr. William Douglas. Ont Bch.— signed by Ten persons who pretends to say:— in the Town of Victoria,— not even a Baker's dozen,— out of a population of 600. inhabitants is nothing to be ashamed about.

The following are the Petitioners!.—

1. C: F. Wilkins. Customs.— Ont Bch.— I.— Ca:—
2. Thomas L. Newbigging.— do.— do.—

I may here report that under sub section 2.— of Section 11. of the Fisheries Act:— It shall be the duty of every Customs Officer to seize and forfeit on view to his own proper use or gift any of the articles in this Act.— Vc. Vc. Vc. Vc.—

Here 2. Customs officers. have never left a case against these fishermen during the last 22 years. they even ask to get down on this wreck.— This I am prepared to say: is what these Customs Officers do:— But that is intermeddling.—

3. Richard G: Hudson.— do— Railway Labourer, works near the Rail— in, Black Rock.— Lives in Victoria.—

4. Charles Finlay.— do— J. P.— Ry.— Labourer.—
5. Charles W: Finlay.— do.— do.—
6. M. Colclough.— do.— All these live in Victoria.—
7. Peter Huffman.— is an Ex Saloon Keeper.— Victoria but his license for selling whiskey on Sunday.

The Deputy Minister.
Department of Fisheries.— Ottawa!—

6. R. J. Arnold, a Private Soldier, who pays no rent! owns the Very land he lives on,— Takes Advantage, living upon the Crown Land,— U. C. the whole of the N. Riv, is getting the Same Game.— Shame!!!...

7. John Graham, a Sailor, living 8 miles up Back in the bush.— Has only cultivated, and Improved one; other game about the Shanty mine!.... I don't know that!

8. Robert Mair, the Captain of R. J. Arnold's Navy Steamer, lives in Port Colborne, when at home, and voted there at the last Dominion Election, against John Hagarman Esq. M. P.— as I was told.— He Respectable man in Britain Injure the Public!?—

With reference to my former report of the 27th of June 1867,— addressed to you— in this matter, it will be regretted that a number of Settlers should so soon forget their allegiance and Loyalty to their friends and supporters, and espouse them the Remarks this document contains....

This document which is shiftly made up of Gault fueling against me originates I was told at Miss Thomas— House— by Mr. Workman Daughter of Post Mr.: who procured it on the John Hagarman Esq. M. P.— for Workman, who with a flourish no doubt, sent it to you.—

I have now to report to you that my former report to you of the 27th June 1867,— is true and correct. I cannot subscribe a word of that report more, nor Condemn Mr. Gault nor Mr. A. Thomas, Lessee Gibbons, for the last 22 years. by any untruth act of mine in these premises.— —

Dr

[illegible] to the Doctor with my own hand to
[illegible] Expedient, because they are always
[illegible] and superstitious . . . .

I might add, and truly say the same as
regards the Doctors :: Physicians and Clergy

I have the report Dr. Dr. Douglass of the
Sick & the family Physician of Mr. E. A. Hamil,
of East Bay, one of the Children Smith was given
by Dr. Parker also . . . .

Now two Gentlemen, the same friends, and
supporters of Dr. Thomas Left me the Book
Common Station, in writing and promising notice
for him . . . . But I now know that the Gentle
Part of The Lie was to Dr. his former
get Hamil to write for the opposition Hamil
against Dr. Thomas and the Government. —
Hamil told the Priest he could not know this
was plague to me: I am sure E. A. Hamil,
and his brother, and they others, when the
Hamil, voted for Dr. Thomas . . . Dr. Phi!
Smith and his friends voted for, and many op.
gather him also at the last Election . .
I hope you will excuse — But it is a terrible thi
of things against me. My people who and feel me
Angle, and only for the citizens of Dr. Douglass has
against the Government . . . All Doctors have dis.
feel up this time . . . .

I have been to The Lie in Mr. Hill without I
have me Hamil and Mr. Smith . . . .

Now is me saying about, in Thomas Lie, at
the places against the from Mr. Hill Number, me
ab about the end of April, and during a fro
him up this time, since finding something is very

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [

Hamilton: Ont. —
19. December 1887. —

Sir, —

I send you Bank draft No: 142. — for the sum of Thirty six dollars. — —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year as follows: —

1. Chester Wadsworth. — Lewiston: For license to fish Two Machines in Niagara River, at Lewiston received and delivered! amount. — — $ 20.00 ct.

2. Joseph Gabriel, and son. — Lewiston. — For license to fish a Machine in Niagara River, at Lewiston the amount is sent herewith. — $ 10.00 ct. —

3. — Andrew Van Steenburg. — Youngstown. — For a seine license to fish in the Niagara River, between the Black Horse Tavern, — and the Half-Moon, Cattaraugus. — Niagara Township and Town. — for year ending 31st of December 1887. — He has only made the application, and paid the money on last Thursday, — he is a respectable man, — and will observe our laws — as he has done heretofore. — I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license. — — Amount is $ 5.00 ct.

4. Harry Bowden. — Hamilton: — For a license to spear in Burlington Bay. — between 20th November and the 15th April 1888. — already received, $ 1.00 ct.

Total. — $ 36.00 ct. —

I have the Honor to be. —
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant, —
John Wilkes. —
Fishery Overseer. —

The Deputy Minister.
Department of Fisheries. —
Ottawa! — Ont. —

W. A. McCullen Esqre
M. P. P. County of Ont.
Brampton.

Ont. — Hamilton 19th Dec. — 1887.

My dear Sir.

Yours of the 16th instant is received. I had a Post card a few days after I saw you at Brampton on the 1st inst. from James Hamilton Esqre J. P. which I sent the Department. — —

Now for the reason why! I have not called on the Squire before this. — —

On the 8th inst. I was instructed orders I received. I was at Barrie! — investigating fishing matters &c. and report 4 days. — On 12th inst. in Toronto on special duty. — and reports. —

On 15. 16 and 17th at Niagara and Port Erie, on special duty — again. — that had to be attended to!! — Off to Ont. down, Lake Erie and Simcoe. I was here at 6. a.m. — on tomorrow morning. — —

On my return I will slip down to Credit, and wait on the Big man and then let you know the result. — —

Some people have the happy mark of making themselves — always miserable. This is the way I find it at Credit. — How is Mrs. just now? I guess you all the guess. the Squire and Woodland are raising. — In 12 days more — all fishing licenses will terminate in Lake Ontario and then Woodland can make a new application for next year. — — The Oconto fisherman — will have their case considered also. — The Fisheries department have been so busy with the Commission that they have had no time to settle this case. — On my return home from Brampton — I reported to the Department. — —

Yours respectfully —
John Wilkes J. P.

	1887.			$. ¢.	
Nov:	10th	Philip Tufford....	License.-	5. 00.	Sent Bank draft.
-"-	-"-	George Culp..	License.-	1. 00.	No: 85- for $10.50¢.
-"-	-"-	Charles Beetram..	License.-	2. 50.	to The Fisheries
-"-	-"-	William Sands.-	License.-	1. 00,	Department on 10,-
-"-	-"-	John Sands...	License.-	1. 00,	of November 1887.-
Nov:	16th	Edward Joyce...	For license.-	5. 00.	Sent Bank draft, $4
-"-	-"-	James R. Gordon.-	" license.-	1. 00.	for $8.00¢.- to Fish-
-"-	-"-	Robert Hall...	-"- license.-	2. 00.	eries dept 10, Nov. 87.

The total amount sent the Department.-
for month ending 30th November 1887. was $18.50¢.-
for license fees....

Respectfully submitted.-
John Dickson.-
Deputy Comm.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries.-
Ottawa, Ont.-

Sir,- I have the honor to forward herewith
Minister's Account for the
month ending 30th November 1887.
with a remittance for $18.50¢.-
being fees on licenses issued
for the same period.-
I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,-
Charles Hall
Collector.-

Niagara, Dec: 1st 1887.-

Mrs
Jane Elliott.-
Niagara,-
on the Lake,-
Ont.

Printed Jan'y 5
license.-

Hamilton, Ont.-
25. December 1887.-

My dear Sir Brother!-

Compliments - you and yours, the
happy retu - day, and very many
received!- a - ..... Your Kind Lines
that my K - you will be glad to hear
sinews and - getting on well.- The
snapped and broke when I fell - are I gla-
ly believe - growing again.- For some t-
past I have - pain in my Knee - it
is only weak and powerless.... I am
very much indebted and obliged to you
for your - your Kind words - and sin-
cere expr - of Sympathy.... I am
getting - the Knee.....

Well now - staying at home! since I
saw you last, I have been at Southampton
Lake Huron - Alt Collingwood, Killar-
ney - French River and Chaetau - Geor-
gian Bay - River Thames - London and
St - Marys - Sarnia, St Clair River, St
Edward; and Lake Huron: Fort Erie and
Niagara River - on Special duty;....
Besides my usual routine of my Division
duties....

The last time I saw you in the
House - I was completely overcome with the
heat, felt I was getting sick - and the
next morning - I changed my course from
Pt Stanley - for home, got here all right
and no sooner here than I was attack-
ed with a Bowel Complaint and in one week
I was reduced 10 lb - pounds in weight.-

I am up again to 222 pounds weight
losing only 1/2 a pound.- From the ef-
fects of the fall - when it happened, I lost
22 pounds - and at 222 - instead of 242 -
pounds - I have remained ever since....

Well you broke Thompson - It is 12
months this day, since I got that bad
fall - simple in a manner, from the up-
per step of my own front door.-

2.-

Hannibal, Mo.

25 December 1881.

Dear Mrs. Clarke:

Your nice Xmas present, the
[illegible] book, was very much
[illegible] ... Your Uncle James
[illegible]: ... your note to make it too
[illegible] ... We
[illegible] getting on well. We
[illegible] our first two that
[illegible] are both when I die. We [illegible]
[illegible] getting open. We have [illegible]
[illegible] I have no [illegible] in our two - it
is only about one [illegible]. I am
very much [illegible] our staying to [illegible]
it open, for [illegible] week - our [illegible]
are appr[illegible] of happy[illegible]. I am
getting [illegible] the Mr Twain. ...

Just now [illegible] stopping at home! Susie I
[illegible] I [illegible] I have been at [illegible]
Clarke House - At Bellefontaine. Helen -
[illegible] - Almost time our [illegible] - Jean -
Jean [illegible] - Twain - Clemens - Susie and

Mr. Harkness. Dear Mrs. Clarke:
Please: our dear Mrs: Clark Mrs our
Pleasure Mrs. or Pleasure [illegible]. ...
Mrs. [illegible] our Mrs Pleasure
Clarke. ...

We had this I am [illegible] Clark
Mrs. - I was [illegible] Mrs Mrs Mrs
had just I was getting [illegible] Mrs Mrs
next morning. I [illegible] our Mrs Jean
Mr. Harkness - By Mrs. Jean Mrs Mrs Mrs
Mrs or Mrs Mrs Mrs I Mrs Mrs Mrs
Mrs Mrs. Mrs [illegible] Mrs I Mrs Mrs
I Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs.

I Mrs up Mrs Mr 222 Pounds Mrs Mrs
Mrs Mrs Pounds. Mrs Mr Mrs
Mrs of Mr Mrs - Mrs it Happened. I Mrs
22 Pounds. Mrs at 222 - Mrs Mrs of 242
Pounds. - I Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs. -
Mrs Jean Mrs Mrs. At 12
Mrs Mrs Mrs, Mrs I Mrs Mrs Mrs
Mrs - Mrs in Mrs Mrs Mr Mr
Mrs Mrs I Mrs Mrs Mrs. -

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I send you 2 Blanks.— One for you, and the other for our friend — Sylvanus Young.— please see that every thing is carefully entered therein. — Enter whatever Routge caught along with your own catch — for the year. — — — Except to see you. I always have implicit reliance in you that the fishing Act, rules and regulations will be enforced at Pt. Bruce. — The same fishermen at Pt. Bruce must stop fishing altogether next year. — by June 1st before they begin. — About the halfpint in your creek — that should properly speaking belong to you or to Young and you — Keep off that Farmer. I am pleased and glad to tell you Mrs. Kerr and my family are well. — —

Kindly remember me to your Nieces. to Know Mr. Stevens name of Gibson — which they have brings to my mind many things that happened to your boys. — With my warm regards to you, and yours — believe me as ever, Yours truly and Young

Magg. Co: a. Ham Hamilton: Ont.
and Wh. Bay. 25. December 1887.—

Pt. Bruce — My Friends.—

I send you blank form 12. that you may carefully enter and return to me for year ending 31st of December 1887. — Enter every thing carefully and on the back of said return — give me a list of your Fish Ponds — Ice Houses &c. &c. — so that I may let the Department know how they Fishermen at Pt. Bruce have spared no expense to be good fishermen and true. —

I hope you are all in good health — enjoying yourselves. — I wish you the Compliments of this day — and many happy returns. Kindly remember me to my friends — and believe me. — Yours fraternally. —

John W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton: Ont.

25. December 1887. —

My dear Friend Mr. Emery. —

I wish you Mrs. Emery. your daughters and son. the compliments of the day. and many happy Returns: — Mrs. Kerr and my family are well and join me in Kind warm greeting. — Since Yesterday since I got the bird pole: but I am getting better all the time. — The sinews and tendons of my Knee are gaining. the pains have left. and it is slowly getting stronger every day. and it does not prevent my sleeping comfortable at night. — I send you a couple blanks. — fill up carefully for me. your Return for 5 pounds in Niagara. — be very particular: and I send you a blank for your Pound Nets. — in the D. Sharp's Division — at Walsingham. — he has got no blanks. — hence why I send you one for him. — I also send you a blank for Frank Jackson. to be properly filled up. signed and handed to Sharp. also. — —

Now for myself. please see Deeming. and get from him a copy of Frank Jackson — Annual Return — that he furnishes D. Sharp with. — And I want particularly to get the full complement of frozen fish — of the different kinds. — done up in the Freezer. at Port Dover during this present year. — I want it exact for the Fisheries department in all particulars. — —

Also the entire quantity remaining in the Freezer. on the 31st of December 1887. — I send a blank form for this particular Return. — —

I forward Blanks today. — for Rowe. and Cadney. — to be correctly filled up. — —

I am thankful to God. — that he has permitted me to live — after severely chastizing me: for his Mercy and Goodness endureth for ever. —

With Kind and warm regards as usual: — to you and yours — Believe me in truth and sincerity. — Yours very truly. —

Wm. J. Emery Esqre. Wm. Kerr. P.O.

Markham. Ont.

Port Dover, Ont. 2.

Mailed on 26. December 1887.

Mlle Gabrielle Lemay
Rue Amherst, 15.
Montréal

Quittance
Facture 1 $

Mailed on 26. December 1887.

Mlle Lemay Boyle
Montréal. — &c. —

Quittance
Facture 1 $

Mailed on 26. Dec: 1887. —

Mlle G. Lemay Boyle
Montréal. — &c. —

Quittance
Facture 1 $

Mailed on 26. December 1887.

Mlle Lemay Boyle
Montréal. — &c. —

Quittance
Facture 1 $

Mailed on 26. December 1887. —

Mlle Lemay Boyle
Montréal. — &c. —

Quittance
Facture 1 $

Mailed on 26. December 1887. —

Mlle Lemay Boyle
Montréal. — &c. —

Quittance
Facture 1 $

Hamilton; Ont.—
26. December 1887.—

Dear Friend!

I send you Blank returns, will you be pleased to make out the quantities of the different Kinds of fish caught by you in your Pound nets— during this current year of 1887.— ending 31st of December!—

Fill up every thing correct and accurate— your Names— in connection with the Fisheries enter on the back of printed forms I send you and return to me by mail.— I hope you good Father enjoying Good Health, and blessing! Dear Friend— I wish you the compliments of the season— Peace on earth— and good will towards men— Many happy returns for you and yours and for the Squire— With sincere and warm regards— I am Yours truly.—

The Revd Canon Greene M.A.
Rector
Port Stanley.

Hamilton 27. Dec: 1887.—

Joseph Cox Esqre
and Bro:—
Bytownite.—
Ont.

Quebec
Return.—

The Revd Canon Greene M.A.
Rector
Port Stanley.—
Ont.—

Quebec on 26. Dec: 1887.

Hamilton on 27. Dec: 1887.—

David Adamson Esqre
Port Stanley
Ontario.—

Quebec
Return.—

Montreal on 26. Dec: 1887.

Capt. John Lemon &c
Pt Stanley.
Ont.—

Quebec
Return!—

Hamilton! Cut.-
26. December 1887.-

Allyd dear Mr. Blunck.-
I send you by mail this day-
a Blank printed return,- which you will
please fill up correctly with the quantity
of fish under the various names, caught by
you during this current year ending on 31st
of December 1887.-

Please also fill up the quantity of
Fishing material,- Boats- and also employ-
ed in catching the same:- Canoe Boats &c.-
With the compliments of the season, and
many happy returns the you of same! and
also the same compliments to all the mem-
bers of your family.-
Believe me! Allyd dear Friends.-
Yours Sincerely.-
John W. Kerr.-
Fishery Overseer.-

William Blunck Esqre
Tyrconnell.- Cut.-

Hamilton! Cut.-
26. December 1887.-

Allyd dear Mr. Blunck.-
I send you by mail this day-
a Blank printed return,- which you will
please fill up correctly with the quantity
of fish under the various names, caught
by you during this current year ending
on 31st of December 1887.-

Please also fill up the quantity of
Fishing material,- Boats- and also employed
in catching the same... Canoe Boats &c.-
With the compliments of the season,- and
many happy returns the you and yours!
Believe me,- My dear Sir.-
Yours Sincerely.-
John W. Kerr.-
Fishery Overseer.-

William Blunck Esqre
Tyrconnell.- Cut.-

Joseph Page Esq. Insp.- Fishery Canoe.

Hamilton; Ont.—
26. December 1887.—

My dear Lang.—

I wish you and yours the compliments of the season — and many happy returns.——

I send you 2. Bank Cheques — one for C. W. Gamble's. Account note.— and the other is for yourself;— Make you be pleased to pass them up correctly with the quantity of Coal bought by you under the various given names — for Mines — Returns and Note. K. by themselves; and your own Returns by itself.— Also the Returns for your mining 31st December 1887.— After my Return from Sarnia — I got your letter — please give Lewis a Kiss for me — John McMichael, Fisher, Carson, — for the Readers — Blenheim! you will give him a Brick — With my warm regards! —

Yours Truly
D. Lang Esq.
Lytton Park.

Hamilton; Ont.—
26. December 1887.—

My dear Mr Pinkerton.—

This will introduce to you my friend Mr Daniel Lang of Lytton, ex Reeve of Oldborough...

He is desirous of having a grinding station at the Readers in Lake Erie — to the Readers likely...

Recommend Mr Lang as far as lies in your power... You will know Mr Lang personally — for he is well known all over Canada, and the Province of Ontario...

With my warm regards and respects

Wishing you the Compliments of the season — and many happy returns....

Believe me to remain

Yours very Truly
Pinkerton
Mr Pinkerton Lytton
Pinkerton
Pinkerton Ont.

Hamilton! Ont.—
26. December 1887.—

My dear Patterson,—

I send you a Blank printed form—to be filled in by you with all the different Kinds of fish caught by you during this present year ending 31st December 1887.——

Also please enter Constable,—Bk 2 and allow employed stabling the same.

I beg of you to send me back the blank filled up and signed—

And your license fee.——

With my warm and kind regards, wishing you the compliments of the season—and many happy returns.—

Believe me,—

Yours Sincerely.—

John Wilkes—

Fishery Comm.

Hamilton!-Ont.—
27. December 1887.—

My Friend—Mrs Elliott.—

I wish you and yours happy compliments of the season—and may God of his infinite mercy and goodness restore all good things—in a happy comfortable way once more and make Mrs Elliott as he was formerly! Amen.—

Kindly remember me to my friends, your daughters—My Knee feels heavy these dull days.— I send you Mr Andrew Van Steenburg's license.— Please tell him—the fisheries department only issued the present license for the balance of this year.— After 1st January I will apply and get him his license for 1888.— My family are all well and join me in kind and warm regards.— Believe me— Yours Truly.—

John Wilkes—

Hamilton! — Ont.—
30th December 1887.—

My dear Mr. Tribble. —

This introduces you to my friend, John Mowat. Esqre. ex-Fishery Overseer, ex-piscicultarist. — He goes to Buffalo to see you and make an arrangement with you to supply you with salmon. — He comes from New Brunswick. — And upon my recommendation he goes on from here to Buffalo — for to see you regarding the Salmon business — he comes highly recommended to me by the Fisheries department — Ottawa. — I hope you will find that it is, and will be to your advantage and the Mowat, — to go into this Salmon Trade. — —

I am, —
Yours Sincerely, —
John W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.

E. J. Tribble Esqre.
42. 44 and 46. River St.
Erie Basin Slip.
Buffalo. N. Y. —

Hamilton! Ont.—
30. December 1887.—

My dear Sir. —

Yours of 25th instant is received: by all means send a gang or crew of men and fish in Lake Erie, — between Point Abino, — and Sheslers point, township of Bertie! Er in front of the Murdocks. Point Abino. —

You surprise me at what you — to me about Brown and Conway, — Capt. Thompson — and Young and Sons. —

Anything I can do — you may rely upon me. — With my warm regards, to you — yours, — And wishing you the compliments of the season and many happy returns. — —

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Hamilton

1st October. 31st December. 7

				inspections.	
1887.					
October.	1.	At Queenston — complaints against Chester Dan[illegible]rk. - a Fisherman. —		Ry. M & B.	
	3.	At Burlington Beach, all right. —	1.	100. Miles.	5. 50. —
	4.	At Collingwood regarding Gr. Bay fisheries.	1.	24. M & B.	2. 50. —
	5.	At Collingwood making enquiries. —	1.	95. Ry. Vs.	6. 70. —
"	6.	At Collingwood. — do. do. —	1.	— —	3. 50. —
"	7.	At Collingwood and Hamilton. —	1.	— —	2. 00. —
"	14.	Off to Toronto to see John Leckie. —	1.	45. Ry. —	3. 00. —
"	16.	At B. Beach, all right. —	1.	94. do.	4. 00. —
"	18.	Knights, Plains, Burlington and Pt. Nelson,	1.	24. do. Vs.	2. 50. —
"	19.	At Pt. Credit. Trial of Bronte fishermen. —	1.	30. M & B.	2. 60. —
"	20.	At Bronte, collected license fees. —	1.	30. Ry. Vs.	3. 50. —
"	21.	Finished up Georgian Bay report. —	1.	40. do.	2. 95. —
"	21.	Mailed Georgian report to John Tilton, Esq. Deputy Minister Ottawa. —	½	1. — " —	
"	24.	At London, St. Thomas, New Glasgow, and Eagle. —	½	1. 162. Ry. Vs.	10. 15. —
"	25.	At Eagle. thence to St. Thomas, Aylmer, and Pt. Burwell. —	½	1. 48. Ry. Vs.	6 65. —
"	26.	At Pt. Burwell, Aylmer, Jarvis and Hamilton,	½	1. 85. do.	7. 75. —
"	29.	At Pt. Credit no adjourned Court. —	1.	60. Ry. Vs.	3. 50. —
November,	2.	At Pt. Colborne, thence to Port Erie, and off in front of Sherman House, examined fisheries. - thence back to Pt. Colborne, by Lake Erie, and Ridgeway. —	½	1. 102. Ry. Vs.	6. 40. —
"	3.	At Pt. Colborne, Moulton Bay. - thence back to Pt. Colborne - and Hamilton.	½	1. 88. Ry do.	5. 15. —
"	7.	At Toronto thence back to Pt. Credit and Hamilton. —	½	1. 88. do.	4. 50. —
"	9.	At Grimsby, Vs. collecting License fees. —	1.	64. do.	5. 50. —
"	10.	At Hamilton, Vs. to see Mr Tebbs of Buffalo,	1.	8. M & B.	1. 50. —
"	12.	At Toronto, it being close season for White fish. — see report. —	1.	98. Ry. Vs.	3. 90. —
"	14.	In B. Beach, collecting license fees. —	1.	30. M & B.	2. 35. —
"	19.	At Lands Bay - thence to Burlington Bay Knights. —	1.	14. do.	2. 00. —
"	21.	At Pt. Credit, thence to Lands. saw Ed: Joyce - home to Hamilton. —	1.	66. Ry Vs.	3. 90. —
"	28.	At Toronto to meet Overseer Mellmaee,	1.	90. do.	4. 65. —
December,	1.	At Georgetown, and Brampton saw W. A: McEwen Esqre M. P. there, on fishing business at Pt. Credit. —	½	1. 100. Ry. Vs.	5. 05. —
		Carried forward. —	28.	1635 Miles	113. 20 cts. —

John W. Kerr. —

Hamilton

1st October, 31st December, 7

				in Miles.		
1887-				28.	1635. M.	113. 20. —
December	6.	At London and Sarnia, per orders. —		1.	144. Ry & Y.	8. 90 —
-"-	7.	At Point Edward, and Lake Huron. —		1.	16. H & B.	2. 10. —
-"-	8.	Off down St. Clair River. — Board! —		1.	156. do Ry.	9. 10. —
-"-	12.	At Toronto, enquiring for Overseer Johnson, and on other Fishing business. —		1.	90. Ry & Y.	4. 95. —
-"-	15.	At Port Erie, from Niagara, saw C. O. Harris, and Mr. Everitt about the River Fisheries, above the Falls to Pt. Erie		1.	98. Ry & Y.	3. 85. —
-"-	22.	At Pt. Credit to see Hamilton and Woollard.	½	1.	66. do. —	2. 90. —
-"-	28.	At B. Beach. Found all right. — —		1.	20. H & B.	2. 00. —
-"-	29.	In the City of Hamilton to meet Mr. John Mowat of Campbellton, — N. B. —		1.	Cab Y. 10. H & B.	-"- -"-
-"-	30.	At Toronto, making enquiries about the Fisheries in Ashbridges Bay. —	½	1.	90. Ry. & Y.	5. 50. —
-"-	15.	At Port Erie and Niagara. — —		1.	50. do,	3. 70. —
		Totals. —		38.	2369. M. &	156. 20 f. —

Hamilton Ont. Dec. 30th 1887. —

To Amount of Account rendered for Services & Expenses in connection with the Fisheries, during the month of December, 1887. —

Dr. Hamilton Ont. Dec. 30th 1887. —

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John W. Kerr. —

Hamilton —

Ont. —

Hamilton! — Ont. —

Sir. — 4. January 1888. —

I have the honor to send you herewith, for your consideration and approval, my account and expenditure, incurred by me on active duty — in the Hamilton, Elgin, and Norfolk Divisions of the Fisheries; including Sarnia, and Lake Huron; for quarter ending 31st inst. of December 1887; amounting to. — $156.20 cts. —

Add! voucher 1. — John W. Kerr. Telegraphs, " 4.95 " —
" " 2. do, Stationery. " 2.85 "
" " 3. do. Office Rent. " 5.00. —
" " 4. do. Postages. " 6.30. —
" " 5. Ed: T. Kerr. T. Guardian, 23.00.

Total, $198.30 cts. —

You will please observe that during the quarter ending on 31st inst December 1887, — I travelled 2,369. miles: as per Diary herewith. — —

I Hope the special duties with which you entrusted me have been performed to your satisfaction. — — —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant. —
John W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer. —

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries. —
Ottawa! — Ont. —

Memo: for Lemieux Peter Bennet. Esqre
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa! — Ont.

Your friend John Mowat Esqre ar=
rived here and on Thursday last in
the morning: I started for Toronto,
on arriving at the Post office - I got
a Post Card - in my box 176. from him.
I went to the Dominion Hotel, and
introduced myself; drove him around
to the Fish dealers, - he will do some
business here .. Kept day on last Friday
I went with him - to Toronto - back
to Hamilton again; on Saturday he
went round Stores here and done some
business - On Monday - he started for
Buffalo, I gave him a letter to L.J. -
Tibble Esqre Fish dealer, who he says
received him well - back again here
this afternoon, on his way to London,
Ontario Mr^r^ Beam. to whom I have instro=
duced him will become him well. —

Parker of the Sandwich Hatchery
will treat him well .. As soon as he is
ready to start from London for Windsor
I will notify Parker to meet him there ..
He is every thing you cracked him up
to be. — We talked freely on many
subjects - amongst the rest, see your
name at the head of this communica=
tion: And how came: Wilmot swindle
you out of some property on the
Restigouche .. I have not done with
him yet - on the Fishway. - A Strue=
ture he claims to be the Originator of
having given Rogers the points. — —
I hope you are all well! - many hap=
py returns of the season to you and
yours - God I hope - will bless you, one
every one, and all: - My Knee is still
improving: - I send you herewith my
quarterly returns ending 31st December
1887. - I am ready now to go round
and get up my returns for the past

Please give me a Situation
in the Treasury Department
Where I can earn a Livelihood
for myself & Children
I am a Widow with Two Children
& have been Employed in the
Treasury Department
for Eleven years
I have a Petition
in the Treasury Department
for Back Pay
I want to get it
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Hamilton, Ont.
4 January 1884.

Dear Sharp.—

I send you 5 Blanks, as requested.— I sent 4 Blanks to Jacka and Henry Swan — with directions to fill them up and sign and send them to you.— I am very glad you have made up your mind to let J. Mc. Paul go.— I will be round occasionally and lend you a helping hand.— When you get in all your returns — let me know and I will run up to Ct. House and we will fix up your returns.—

I wish you the compliments of the season — and many happy returns.—

Believe me as usual.—

Yours Sincerely,
John McKellar.

D. Sharp Esqre
F.O.
Ct. House
Ont.

year.— Please at your convenience send me cheque for amount.—

I will send you a report on the bacos and bacco gill nets.— And I will send you some of the fish. large and small size — fresh.— And large and small size smoked.— and some sugar cured.— My Report, and the fish when they arrive will show you what is wanted.—

Mr. Adam Brown, M.C. enquired from me on yesterday — if I had any news yet from you respecting Overseer McKenzie, Lennie.— Mr. John Stewart, presented me with 3. Salmon — 2. fresh and one sugar cured.— And a sugar cured Salmon for Mr. Adam Brown.—

You are a wonderful favourite with Mr. Stewart's and in consequence! May you always be happy.—

Believe me as ever! — Yours. K.

Hamilton Ont.—
4th January 1884.

Hamilton, Ont. —
5th January 1888. —

Sir. —

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 1[illegible] for the sum of Forty dollars. ——

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for year 1887. — for use of Pound Net license granted to Mr. Daniel Patterson of New Glasgow, for to fish two pound nets in Lake Erie, fronting on the Township of Aldborough, — you will now find Patterson has paid in to the Department $90.00 & Balance of $10.00 he will pay in shortly. —

I have the Honor to be. —

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant. —

John Wilkes. —

Fishery Overseer. —

The Deputy Minister, —
Department of Fisheries. —
Ottawa, Ont. —

Hamilton, Ont.
9th January 1888. —

Dear Sir. —

Enclosed please find Bank draft for Forty dollars, which please apply for use of Pound Net licenses granted to Daniel Patterson of New Glasgow, for two nets in Lake Erie, fronting on the Township of Aldborough, Patterson has paid in to the Department $90.00 & Balance of $10.00 he will pay in shortly. —

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Ottawa, Ont. —

December, --- 7.---

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1887. December, 19.	Chester Wadsworth,	Fishing Licence,		20.	00. Sent Bank draft.
-"-	Joseph Gabriel,	Fishing Licence,		10.	00. No: 142. for $ 36.00 ¢.
-"-	Asst: Com Steamboat,	Fishing Licence,		5.	00. to the Licence de.
-"-	Harry Bowdan,	Spearing Licence,		1.	00. pertment, 19. Dec: 1887.

This will end the year 1887.--

I send you a Draft today- herewith for $ 40.00 ¢.- This amount however will be included in next return for this current month of January 1888.---

5. January 1888.--

John Wilkes

Fishery Overseer.—
Hamilton, Ont.—

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries.—
Ottawa, Ont.—

John Wilkes

Hamilton.—
Ont.

Hamilton! Ont.—
5. January 1888,—

My dear Brother Allan—

Your kind favour received—
as soon as our friend Mr. D. Sharp, tells
me he has received all his fishery returns
I will come right up to Pt. Dover.—

Have you sent Bennet, the White fish?
I want to get a certificate from Mr.
David Porter, of Wiarton — as to what he
thinks of the Fishway, built under my
supervision and superintendence — in
the Sangeen River, — at Denneys Mills, —
Southampton.— I have had 3 or 4 letters
from Mr. Bennet lately — nothing of much
importance.— A man with a Team — had a
large load of White fish in Hamilton Mark-
et a fortnight ago, — said he brought them
from Pt. down, — I did not see them! who is
he! Happy new year and many Returns.

I am busy hunting up my Returns for
the year.— so far, all is well!—

I have not yet written to your friend
the Coroner — at Wiarton! will do it this
week.— I had a letter from our mu-
tual friend — Colonel David Gisborne, to-
day.— he has gone East from Toronto, but
will be at Hamilton G. W. Ry-Station,
on Saturday by 1.50. p.m. Train, —
& we will have a long chat.—

Perhaps something about the Long
Point or Turkey point-fisheries.—

With Kind and warm regards, — to
you and yours — and to your brother
William! — believe me as usual.—

Yours fraternal.—
Phillips—
Fishery Overseer,

John S: Allan Esqr.
Port Dover,—
Ont. — 5

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Messrs Albert Read, —
St. Joseph Masters, —
Niagara, —
On the Lake! —
6. Jan: 1888! —

John Bolton Esqre
Niagara. —
On the Lake!

6. Jan: 1888! —

Robert Bishop Esqre
Niagara. —
On the Lake. —

6. Jan^y — 1888, —

Robt J: Allan Esqre
Niagara, —
On the Lake, —

6. Jan: 1888. —

Joseph Gladwin Esqre
Queenston. —
Ont.

6. Jan: 1888. —

John Maynard Esqre
Lieut. —
Niagara! —
On the Lake! —
6. Jan: 1888. —

Messrs Robert Joyce.—
" H. Jos: Joyce.—
Dickinson.—
Brooke.—
6. June: 1888.— Cash.

Messrs Wm Edwards.—
Exors of the late D: Cathcart Esq
Brooke.—
Cash.
6. June: 1888.—

Messrs Wm Singleton.—
H. John Eyerson.—
Dickinson.—
Brooke.—
6. June: 1888.— Cash.

Messrs Chas: Joyce.—
" Rob: Joyce.—
Dickinson.—
Brooke.—
6. June: 1888.— Cash.

Messrs Jos.

Private & Immediate.

Hamilton, Ont.
12th January 1888.

My dear Sir,

I will thank you to meet me at Mr John Davis's Fish Stall in Hamilton at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday morning next. I wish particularly to talk to you regarding Mr W. B. Woollard and his pretended claim to exclusive right to fish on your established grounds for 15 years past and upwards, and fish there.

With kind and warm regards and the compliments of the season,

and many happy returns to you and yours, believe me,

Yours Sincerely,
John Wilkes
Fishery Overseer

Thomas Joyce Esq.
Brantford
Ont.

Mr Wm Sergeant
Fisherman
Brantford Ont
4 January 1888.

Thomas O'Kane Esq.
Fisherman
Brantford
Ont.
4 Jan: 1888.

Charles Spruce Esq.
The Strumbler Hotel
Strumbler Quay
B. of Quinte
4 Jan: 1888.
Ont.

Wm Wallace
Fisherman
Brantford Ont
6 Jan: 1888.

Hamilton! - Ont. -

9. January 1888. - - - -

Sir. -

With reference to the Rent licences for fishing Herring and Cisco gills, nets, for Rose fish in Lake Ontario, between Toronto Island, - and the Town of Niagara; I wish to draw your attention to the fact; that no gill net under 2½" mesh should be permitted, nor used any more in future in the catching of them. - - - And as you will observe by the specimens of Rose fish I now send you, both little and big! fresh and smoked - I hope you will agree with me that my reasons are fair and logical - - - -

The large sized Ciscos, require a 3" mesh gill net, for to catch them. - - - And no gill net should in the future be used for catching the younger infirior sized Cisco and Herring. - - Allow the small Ciscos and Herring to grow and mature. - - The difference in the price of 100, small, infirior fish, as compared with 100. large fish, - is sometimes more than double the price for large Cisco, as compared to the sale of the small Ciscos. - -

You, and the Officers of the Department can Judge, - from the specimens of all the kinds and sizes I send you. - - - - The Ciscos, from their fat nature, are a fish that should only be caught between the 1st of October, and 31st of March, - in each year. - They should never be caught in hot weather. - And these facts I submit for your consideration also. - - -

Then again! I may here repeat that the month of January - is always a severe month - on gill nets - used in catching these fish, - severe stormy weather intervening between 1st of January, - and 20th February, in each year. Fishermen cannot always get out on Lake Ontario, to fish up: hence a great many of these Cisco fish - during that

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries, -
Ottawa. - Ont.

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person of this Province better, more worthy, might you find, besides the fish nets with the weight of fish that when, and last night the nets are hauled:- the fishing grounds are hardly damaged, and no animals injured: by the netting fish in a changing and changes about in the fish nets, the better of the Lake: that it becomes very easy to bring the nets that you are up on before you: & that you may see that there is good reason for the entire prohibition of these nefarious fish:... Trusting to receive the enclosed in due first appointed your Fishery Overseer,- 23 years age....

That ... will appear to the South-fishermen residing. N: B: Shelburne, a fishermen of the South coast thing to that meeting should be avoided as much as possible...

It is for the advantage of the South fishermen, who reside here fishing in Lake Ontario, to have to bring market with the law, into one regulation of the Fisheries department... A man goes in the Bay South from Red Rock. Lake Superior: as the N: B: Shelburne it should not expect that he must have precedence over the South fishermen, who reside this summer here fishing... How should he now attempt made to place at last. Lock in a proper place; an attempt to do this, would not I fear discharge: as no fishermen in any Province has ever been allowed to come Port of over the rest... that it might end in damage of property note. K....

I might however report in connection with this Bay fishing, that it is in consequence of their being 21 Boats fished out off Brooks, extending down towards Port, fronting on the County of Hastings - As against W. Bland, Port and C: Nurse:- "With your Boats" That Mr Woodland fishing in Lake Ontario, fronting on the County of Port,-

[illegible] ... This is a most [illegible]. but for the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Memo: for S.O. Benoit Esqre —
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa: Ont. —

By appointment I met Colonel David Tisdale, M.P. for South Norfolk — on saturday at the Grand Trunk station, Hamilton when he told me quietly what he wanted done. It appears — and I knew it, that the Lancy's worked hard as we all did to secure the Colonels election. —

It appears that a man named Becker, who had a license last year, for the fish from Pound Nets, — sold out to Henry Lucas — and the Reeve of the township of Stoughton — had a license to fish another Pound, and he sold out to Mr. Lancy. —

Lucas is in Mr. Lancy's employ, and the Colonel — wants two pounds more added and give Mr. Lancy — a license for fish 5 Pounds — in his own name in Lake Erie division — for it appears Lancy — the Colonel tells me — does not pull with him. — 4.

Then again, the Colonel does not want Duncan of Forrestville — fished this year, to fish at Long Point. —

I promised the Colonel I would take you all about it. — Then about Long point they propose to have it set apart for Fish Breeding purposes, pay the annual license fee, and be under my superintendence altogether. — Then again! J. W. McCrae Port Rowan, — Fishery Guardian — was no use to the Department. — I wrote you that letter — you asked for — regarding Duncan Johnson — Brush and Walbridges Boys. — he was no use to me. —

Then again, Mr. Stewart — telegraphed me from Detroit — he was then off to Chicago. — I will send you the Lucas specimens of fish — this week. — Mrs J. S. Allen sent you a Box of white fish since Christmas. — Regarding the enclosed letter which I send you to read and peruse, you may report Lucky Tiger in Georgian Bay. —

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Hamilton.— Ont.—
9. January 1888.—

My dear Mr Lang.—

My appointment I must keep: object now!—
Denis Tiebalt, alias O.— his great^ his great^
wish and desire is to obtain for you the
first 5 Pound Note.— on your own account.
Backers 2.— the Reeve of Haughton 1,—
and 2 more making 5 altogether.—

I wrote him Sunday night (Sunday!)
and I told him all about it.—

I shall do my best for you.— I may
tell you that Sunday was twice as
much to him that Monday some time
ago.— Now Sharp.— how to see your
get and get returns for Backers 2,
Pounds,— and the Reeve 1. Pound:—
if not, make much of him when he
comes along and I will try and do the
best.— I am still reading my Reese
lectures the improve.— I weighed my-
self on yesterday.— I am the scale at

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this year,— as every one is preparing for the onslaught;— more fish note, and Canada— than ever, heretofore; also the fish to be sold to the New Fish— Company's— Buffalo, N.Y. The Yankees to be Imposed— in such a manner I hear, that they can't sell any fish!— where is the report what has become of it:— has it been turned up yet?— I expect to be called upon to take a Stand in; next summer, Not work up in Georgian Bay.—

Lazy people going in there for the fish.— Yours respectfully.—

J. H. Hare.— Esq.
Hamilton Ont.—
9. January 1888.

Private!— 2.

P.S.— Met a nice man.— of Canadian fisheries, over first at the Anchor of Hamilton and Toronto.— now that Sullivan business is approaching.— Yrs. to J. H. Hare.— Esq.

Hamilton, Ont. —

9. January 1888. —

Sir. —

I believe it is my duty to report to you, that Wm. William Johnson, Fishery Overseer, of Toronto and and Ashbridges Bays, is no longer required there as a Fishery Officer, the same being handed over to the Corporation of the City of Toronto. —

With due respect. —

I have the Honor to be, —

Sir, —

Your Obedient Servant. —

J. Miller.

Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries. —
Ottawa, Ont. —

Hamilton! — Ont. —
13. January 1888....

Sir..

I have the honor to send you Bank draft. No: 207. - for Thirty six dollars. ---

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for Spearing licenses in the public waters of Burlington Bay. - and Dundas Marsh; between the 20th of October 1887. - and the 15th of April 1888. - as follows: -

			Amount.
1.	Charles Leask. -	Hamilton. - For Spearing licenses.	1. 00.
2.	L: Buscomb. -	do. - " " "	1. 00.
3.	John Bolden, -	do, - " " "	1. 00.
4.	Thomas Peckham.	do. - " " "	1. 00.
5.	Jas. Hudson.	do, - " " "	1. 00.
6.	Robt Shous. -	do, - " " "	1. 00.
7.	John Smoke. -	East Flamboro'. - " "	1. 00.
8.	Gabriel Hopkins, -	do. - " " "	1. 00.
9.	James Branston, -	Hamilton. - " " "	1. 00.
10.	Fredrick Ware, -	do. - " " "	1. 00.
11.	William Bolton. -	do. " " "	1. 00.
12.	William Smale, -	do. " " "	1. 00.
13.	Harry Bawdon. -	do. - " " "	1. 00.
14.	Thomas Kilvington.	do. - " " "	1. 00.
15.	John Rawlings, -	Dundas. - " " "	1. 00.
16.	Daniel Young. -	Burlington Heights. - " "	1. 00.
17.	James Jamison. -	Hamilton. - " " "	1. 00.
18.	Edward Spencer. -	do. " " "	1. 00.
19.	~~Geo~~ George Garrison. -	Saltfleet. - " " "	1. 00.
20.	Charles Depew. -	Barton. - " " "	1. 00.
21.	F. H. Corey. -	Burlington Beach. - "	1. 00.
22.	Jacob Corey. -	do. - do. - "	1. 00.
23.	Lewis Hopkins. -	~~Hamilton~~ " " "	1. 00.
24.	James Simmons, -	do " " "	1. 00
		Carried Over,	$ 24. 00

The Deputy Minister.
Department of Fisheries,
Ottawa. - - 1.

	Brought forward		$ 20.00
26.	John Long	1 month's Salary	1.00
28.	George White	do.	1.00
27.	William Lee	do.	1.00
28.	Richard Nicholson	do.	1.00
29.	William Noble	do.	1.00
30.	Wm. White	do.	1.00
31.	Ramsay Hall	do.	1.00
32.	C. A. Hinckley	do.	1.00
33.	Miles Finley	do.	1.00
34.	Edward Cooper	do.	1.00
35.	Edward Donnelly	do.	1.00
36.	James Rae	do.	1.00
		Total	$ 36.00

Respectfully Submitted
J. Shaw Collector Customs

Memorandum for Account Branch
Fidelis Department
Ottawa 6th Oct.
Receipt for Quarters Salary ending 31st of December 1867. Amount $150.00

Receipt for the Balance of Disbursements from 1st Oct. to 31st December 1867.
The balance is $149.00

Thos. Ent.
10 January 1868

J. Shaw
Collector Customs

Edward S. Busby Esq.
Box 34. Sarnia P.O. Hamilton! Ont.
Ont.
13. January 1888.--

Dear Sir

Yours of the 4th inst. received! and in reply to Mr. Malcolm McLean's application for the fish Three Beach with Salmon Trout and White fish - Gill Nets, - "Legal size" - in the public waters of Georgian Bay - fronting on French River and the Eastards: - "And between Collins Inlet and Moose Deer point" distance about 25 miles Lake frontage: --

In reply, I desire to inform you that your friend will have to apply to Lieut. G. Fraser, Esq. Fishery Overseer at Victoria Harbour, - and advise him to give Mr. Fraser the quantity of gill nets he intends fishing in each of his 3 Boats.--

The division is under the superintendence of Mr. Fraser! so tell McLean to apply to him and make up friends. -

As the Lansing are Islands, of division

lands - he had better write to the Department of the Interior, - Ottawa! or if Crown Lands - to The Commissioner of Crown Lands at Toronto, or he may write to both at the same time. -

The foregoing will enable you to give Mr. Malcolm McLean. - the information he requires. ---

I thank you sincerely for your kind and friendly expressions regarding myself personally: - I wish you in return the compliments of the season, and many happy returns - and Kindly remember me to your mother and sisters. -

I left very badly, - the last time I was at Southampton, - looked across from St. Johns - and witnessed the wreck of your comfortable Hotel and happy home; where I was always at Home - and amongst dear and sincere friends who always done so much for me; may you be all happy. - Yours Sincerely John O'Hara

Hamilton! Ont.
16. January 1888.-

My dear Brother Bankhouse.-

On receipt of this! please sit down and fill up the blank form I send you, inserting therein the quantity of fish caught and sold during the year ending 31st inst of December 1887.- You are not aware of the great inconvenience it is to me with the Department at Ottawa- to be kept waiting for these returns so long after the end of the year... Especially when the Department has been asking for them.-

Besides I have so many other things to go at, when my returns for Lagoon are sent in... I only require the return of fish caught in your 5 Pound Nets, situate in the fishing in Lake Erie- fronting on the township of Bayham.- for year ending 31st December 1887.- It is shameful to keep these returns back, and by doing so retarding me in the discharge of my duties..

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The returns you know are due on or before the 1st of March- just after it was this one occasioned the gov. ch. of the they had another Fish Hatch, and done many thing else. up the being ready to set and fish this 5 pound nets this year.-

Write me shortly!- I should have something to say about this! please send me on the return I have ask for.

Did you ever send my D: Clerk Esq. his return for pound nets fished in Ellington.- I want to know the most on at Mr: Tisdale- office shortly.- else I can make an appointment..

Remember me to the little boy in Canada the one there, when I telegraph him... with kind regards- to you and yours. believe me

Yours fraternally.-

To A. Bankhouse Esq. Collingwood
Bankhouse-
Port Burwell. } J.O.
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Hamilton, Ont.
16. January 1888.-

Alf friend Mathewson.-

I send you a Blank to
fill up of all the different Kinds of fish
caught on your Davis Fishing ground
during the year ending 31st of De-
cember 1887.- Please let me have the
return as soon as possible.---

I also send you a Blank for J. H.
Ramsays- 2. Cards,- you may see Mr.
Whitehead- for me- and explain to
him- the quantity of fish caught by the
Boats- and have him fill out the Blanks.-

You can please fill up the returns
and get Mr. Davis Merchant, to sign
it for J. H. Ramsay- and then send
to me: that is all that remains of
the Season, then Mr. Nichols- can
then- settle with me for wages.-

Yours faithfully
[illegible]

Private!-

Hon: Joseph Tassé.
Brants.- Ont,

Hamilton!- Ont,
16. January 1888.-

Alf dear Sir.-

Alf desire to see you and some
other Brants fishermen- is for the pur-
pose of your contradicting unfounded
and untruthful statements made by W. B.-
Woolland- fisherman- in a Petition he has
sent to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries
Ottawa... You need not say any
thing about this until I see you.-

I have not read the Petition through-
but I feel satisfied every thing he
states therein- is unfounded.--- For
he and Squire Hamilton- of Pt. Credit
tried hard to bring me to think as they
do, which is an impossibility.-

I go to Pt. Dover on tuesday morning,
and on Wednesday next you might
come to Hamilton- by early Train-
I will meet you John Davis Esqr at
9.30 a.m. [illegible]

Hamilton, Ont.—
10. January 1892.—

My dear Mr. Lang.—

I received a reply to my letter
to Mr. Lang, and in answer to Mr. Lang's
letter, you said it was not the
time to [illegible] I
[illegible] I write you now to say
I have written to Mr. Lang
for the Christmas holidays, I would be very much
to see the completion of [illegible] for they
have written for me to [illegible]
to spend [illegible] The things mentioned I
mentioned you the last opinion of the [illegible]
my boy is improving but slowly. I enjoy
[illegible] the other day. I [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible]

Hamilton C.W.
10. January 1900.

Dear Sir J. A. Chewett Esqre.
Indian Department.
Ottawa.

I got home safely, Saturday, from Parkin, & found all well. Parkin ... is now on Georgian Bay, at Parry Sound, & I expect to go there myself in the Spring. I am glad to hear that you & Mrs Chewett are both well.

I went to see Thomas Jones, Jackson, at Parkin, before I came home, & he was in the Lake fishing up on Georgian Bay. He has a fine boat ... I went to see Mr Hollands, petition for him. He will be able to get a pension of $12 per month, as he is the first man who has commenced fishing at Parkin. He is sure to get $20.000 - worth, - all the Parkin fishermen, - are well off & comfortable, what they have. They work hard, honestly, & I am glad for them.

They have all of them got comfortable homes & lots of clothes, & make by working, working & selling fish & they commenced business there on my Superintendence 10 years ago.

But I will say no more; as my time for your questions will keep me busy for all time to come. "Do you the Lord & not me?" "The voice is Jacob's but the hands, the hands of Esau" "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau"

Ottawa - now has no gateway. Nothing doing. at Ottawa. They are the same stony set! I will see you some time, & when I see you I will tell you what I am to tell them ...

Hoping to meet you in Parkin by & bye - this winter. Best wishes to myself & family. Yours respectfully.
J. Williams. P.O.

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2.

The Annual meeting of S.S.-No: 3.- in the 4th Concession of the Township of Barton,- in the Municipality was held in the School House- there this day.- According to Law.---

The meeting opened at 10.- a.m.- and the business of the Meeting was conducted in the following Regular order.----

Mr. H: Bryant- Moved: and Jno Jones Seconded That John W. Kerr,- do take the Chair of this School meeting: and that Robt Sinker- act as Secretary: Carried!-

It was then moved by Thos: Kerr, Seconded by John Jones.- That the Annual report of the Trustees- be now received and read.- Carried!!-

Moved by John Jones. Seconded by Mr. Whitcomb: That the Auditors report for the School year 1897.- be now received, be read, and adopted!- Carried!!!-

Moved by Thos: Kerr, seconded by John Jones: That Mr. William Whitcomb be elected Auditor- for the Current year 1898.- Carried!!!-

Moved by Mr. John Jones, Seconded by Mr. Whitcomb: That Mr. Henry Bryant be elected Trustee of this School Section: for the next three years!- Carried!!!.-

Dated at School Section No: 3,- in the 4th Concession of Barton; this 28th day of December 1897.---

John W. Kerr.-

Chairman.- Secretary.---

Hamilton! - Ont. -
18. January 1888. -

Sir. -

I am in receipt of yours letter of the 16th instant. in re Daniel Patterson, - Town Limestone, Lake Erie. - County of Lincoln! This! - Your letter states that Patterson's license is for Two Pound note. while the office Clerk - Shows it to be for three pound note in accordance with your Recommendation"! - "Will you please explain"?? -

In explanation, I have to report that Mr. Patterson's Pound note. happened to be used in the Great Storm of the month of October 1886. - (the 14th) that he has never got receipt from his house. - When he got ready the fish last spring although quite ready for the fish three pounds during 1887. - still with all the entreaties made he could only get up 2 Pounds, instead of 3 Pounds. - and then he send the matter, he had no money the pay license fee for 1887. - the Deputy Minister, was good enough to allow Patterson to commence fishing. - westwithstanding me to keep the licence in my possession until I got the licence fee: as you no doubt have observed I only received $ 80. - from him altogether: 50. - on the 5th July last, and $ 40. - on the 5th inst. when he paid up the balance for 2. Pounds $40. - I did intend to lay the licence herewith - before the Department and explain all this to you: - the letter from Patterson, to me dated Ottawa, December 30th herewith - will explain how Patterson got over the year 1887. - with only two Pound note: - The licence for 3 pounds is herewith: please cancel it and issue licence for 2 - pounds.

S. O. Bennet Esqre. Yours respectfully. —
The Fisheries Dept.
Ottawa. —

J. Lilly Kerr — P. O. —

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Hamilton! Ont.—
19. January 1888.—

My Friend!—

Your Memo: for Statistics received: Will I expect hear all in by Saturday night next. to go at returns on Sunday. no later until I finish.——

It is now 4. a.m.— and I am to Breakfast at 6. a.m— & to —— " 11. l— Stations where are Fort Erie— and Ridgeway. The fishermen delaying to send in returns I must go for them.—

As usual. my warm regards to you! Yours Sincerely—

John W Kerr—
F.S.

S. P. Bennet— Esqre
Fisheries dept
Ottawa. E

Printed Papers! 1887.—

Peter Price Esqre
Fishery Commr.—
&c
Long Point, Lake Erie.
St. Williams P.O

Hamilton on 31st Oct.
January 1888.

Dear Price Esqre
Fishing Season—
Yr. Statement.—
Cash—
Hamilton on 30th
January 1888.

Printed Fishing Returns!
for 1887.—

Hamilton, Ont. —
23. January 1886. —

Sir. —

I have the honor to send you Bank Draft No: 248, — for the sum of Thirty two dollars . . —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year, as follows: —
1. Chester A. Harris, — and Mrs Harris, — "Ft Erie, Ont, for a Seine license. to fish in the Niagara River at Fort Erie, same as last year." the amount is sent herewith . . — $ 15.00

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license, the security of fish, so injurious to the Buffalo and Fort Erie — and International Bridge inhabitants — cannot be attributed to the same fishing done in Niagara River, by Mr Harris who stops fishing in June and only resumes fishing again after angling terminates for the season. —

During the winter of 1885, and 7, — more than 600. fishermen — residents of the City of Buffalo, — made it their daily business to fish Tip Ups! on Lake Erie — and caught fish of every description to the extent of Two Million pounds weight, — which they sold to the Town Fish Company — of Buffalo. —

With such a large quantity of fish caught off a year ago; it is not to be wondered at, for anglers to complain. — for had those fish not been caught off. they were on their annual visit to Niagara River. — where they would afford the anglers

The Deputy Minister.
Department of Fisheries. — 1.
Ottawa, Ont. —

Sport amusement and profit. — —

I am informed Seine fishing has not been altogether stopped — on the United States — side of the Niagara River, — between Buffalo and the Niagara Falls! — wholly only a couple of men are engaged fishing: against 100 — when I am informed have frequently made from 3. to 5. per day. — The Sea in Lake Erie, was late forming this year! hence the Fish! wholly commenced fishing this year about ten days ago. —

2. William Ingledew, Bronte, — License fee for year 1887. — only received on the 19th instant. — The amount is sent herewith, — $5.00 cts.

3. Wm J. Illey — of South, — For a Boat hence to fish 1,000 yards of 3¼" inch mesh — Herring gill net, in Lake Ontario, fishing on his father's farm in the Township of South! I recommend the same! amount is. — — $5.00 cts.

4. George Stipes, — Burton! For a Spearing license. $1.00 cts.

5. William Jameson — Hamilton — do. do. — 1.00 cts,

6. Elmer Haynes, — do. do. do — 1.00 cts.

7. Joseph Smith, — do. do. do — 1.00 cts.

8. Isaac Pollock, Burton. — do, do. — 1.00 cts.

9. John Dynes, — B: Beach. — do. do. — 1.00 cts.

10. Albert Austin, — Hamilton, — do. do. — 1.00 cts.

Total. — $32.00 cts.

Respectfully Submitted —

John W. Kerr —

Fishery Overseer.

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Hamilton, Ont.
24. January 1882.-

My dear Sir,

By some unaccountable cause - your annual return has been mislaid and lost. - Please fill up the return I send you (blank) and let me have it by mail immediately. -

With my Kind Regards. - Yours Sincerely - John W. Kerr - P. O.

Daniel Patterson Esqre
Aldboro. P. Office
New Glasgow,
Ont.

Hamilton! Ont,—
24. January/ 1882.-

My dear Sir!

I express to you this day, a small Box. containing a Fraser River salmon, caught last July - at New Westminster, - British Columbia. -

A White fish from Lake Wenipeg. - And six speckled Bass, - a nice pan fish - caught here in Burlington Bay - speared through the ice, - Should you happen to see Mr. Dyer, of Snells Lake, - show him the Bass, - you might give him a couple - and tell him upon your recommendation. I will send him live fishes for his Lake, next spring. —

With Kind and warm Regards. W. a. McCullen Esqre Yours Respectfully, -
M.P. V. V. V. John W. Kerr - P. O. -
[redacted] Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.
22. January 1888.

My dear Sir:-

My own impression is that your
machine was lost. - When you
left the factory I sent you (Lewis)
word that we then had only one
machine left. -

Yours truly,

Lewis Brothers

Hamilton, Ont.
24. January 1888.-

My dear Sir:

I enclose to you the enclosed
a sum for Printing - Please send
below amount last July - at the
Exhibition. Printed Pamphlets. -

I think just now the Manu=
facturing. - Please see
the abo. - Answer you happen to
see Mr. Dyer. If Mowbray calls - refer
him to me. - You might give him
a couple - and take him upon your
recommendation. Write soon him to
Picton by his date, next Morning. -

With Kind wish I remain Respectfully
Yours
[illegible]

Hamilton, Ont. —
24. January 1868.

My dear Brother Thompson. —
On receipt of this — please
fill up correctly the blank form
I send you herewith. — Also in-
clude therein, what Jail Kadjo
caught before you kept him
out, last year, — for conveying
Jails, — and return the same at-
once. — With kind regards —
Yours Sincerely. —
D. Millichamp P.O.

Capt. Thompson.
Ont. —

Michael Doyle Esq. or Mrs. Doyle,
Fish dealers —
Hamilton, Ont.

Hamilton! Ont.
24. January 1867.

My dear Mr. Doyle. —
I send you 3 blank Returns! One for Wm. Ward, — The Island! — One for Wm. Montgomery. — 100 Front Street. — And one for Mr. George Durnan, Jr. of Bathurst Street. — To be filled up.

I require these Returns to be filled up immediately by each of the persons — of all the fish caught by them and each of them during the year ending 31st of December 1867. — I enclose $1. — to pay the Messenger you may send for delivering the Returns, — to Messrs. Ward, Montgomery and Durnan, — Coast Jail — I am in great need of these Returns. — With kind regards, — Yours Sincerely, —
D. Millichamp P.O.

Hamilton!
25. January 1888.-

My dear Peter,

Yours received, will make it out, and send to you on Tomorrow. -- I had a letter from Mr. S.O. Bausett recently - he desired me to ask you about that last letter, that he wrote to Duncan. -

I am terrible busy - all last week, on the Road from Toronto to Ridgeway, Fort Erie and Niagara. -

With Kind regards as in days past. - When Lindsay is over, you and I must go and see Colonel Tisdale - M.P. -

Yours Sincerely. -
John W. Kerr. F.O.

Peter Grant Esqre
P.O. St Williams. -
Ont.

Memo: for S.O. Bausett Esqre.
Fisheries Department,
Ottawa. - Ont. -

Mailed Statistics for Leyden! and from the mouth of the Grand River, - Lake Erie, to Whitby Harbour, - Lake Ontario, - for year ending on 31st of December 1887. -

I am at Peter Grants - today, - and D. Sharpe - on Tomorrow, if he sends them to me. - I want 50 Blank Spearing Licenses more for Burlington Bay. -

And 10. Blank Statistic returns. -

I only received 6 altogether for 1887. -

I hope you are well - I have plenty of News, for you, - Georgian Bay, - Woodland, - and Niagara River, - Goderich &c. will write you on Tomorrow. - -

With Kind regards. -

Yours respectfully. -
John W. Kerr. F.O.

Hamilton, Ont.
30. January 1888. -

Long Point, Lake Erie,
1st January 1888. 31st December

1887.-
February 4. Looking after Spearing in Lansing Creek & Long Point, Lake Erie. — 1. 20. Miles 4. 00.-
" 3.- In Rear Bay during "Close Season" — Man & Boat,
for Bass and Pickerel. Found all right. 1. 20. Miles, 4. 00.-
" 17. On Long Point, looking after the fishing during "Close Season" — for Bass and Pickerel. — 1. 20. Miles, Man, & Boat, 4. 00.-
" 20. On Long Point, to seize Gill Nets - illegally set on the south beach of Long Point, in Lake Erie, within the Long Point Company's Leased limits. — 1. 30. Miles, Man, & Boat. 5. 00.-
" 29. Proceeded around Long point, looking after illegal fishing - Found every thing all right. — 1. 50. Miles. Man, & Boat. 5. 00.-
" 31. Proceeded to Simcoe to meet Fishery Overseer, John W. Kerr - of Hamilton, in re Duncan case — 1. 36. Miles, S. & B. 4. 00.-
" " Paid Thomas Easterbrook, as witness, in re Duncan case for illegal fishing — Accompanied Peter Price. — 1. 36. Miles, Man & Boat. 1. 50.-
September 23. Off to the Bluff, Long Point, looking after illegal fishing. Found all right. — 1. 40. Miles. Man & Boat. 5. 50.-
December 20. Proceeded to Port Dover, to meet Overseer, John W. Kerr - regarding the Fisheries on Long Point, during the current year of 1887. — 1. 36. Miles. S. & B. 4. 00.-
" Add'l - Postage - and Telegraph - on fishing business, during the current year. — " " 1 50.

Totals. 9. 28. Miles & 38 50 c.-

I have examined this apt. and I believe it correct. — Phil Kerr. —
Hamilton Ont. — " " P.O. —
24. January 1888.

Memo: for D. O. Bassett Esq.re
Fisheries Department.—
Ottawa, Ont.—

It is now some time since I wrote you! so must again post you up:— Messrs. David Porter of Chatham, a great political friend of Mr. McCuaig. M. P. to whom he is in a great measure indebted for his last Election, and Daniel Mc. of Saugeen have purchased a Tug from Jim Clark and McKay - and with Boats, and Nets, are going to the Bustards this year! they are both right good fellows! - I send you a letter I got for Porter - lately for your perusal, - You can see what he says: about Davis of Detroit. Jim Clark is home in Goderich building as I was told 3 Tugs, - One large one for carrying fish - from the Bustards, and Squaw Island - to Waubaushene for Railway to Buffalo, the other two, boats and nets for Georgian Bay - Fisheries - will be in a position to tell you all about it.—

Hamilton! — Ont. —
30. January 1887. —

My dear Peter, —

Will you please find your inclosed and Statistic returns - for 1887. - Sent you on this day. - Write your name every piece on the statistic returns I send - thus X. and Jail. - I will be up soon, on my return from Lake Huron: where I go on next Monday. - I have been sick - got wetted at the Station here on last Saturday - last my hearing for 2 hours and got so wet, that I had to be helped in and out of the Train! and the same way to sleighs. -

I have been taking Pills and Bottles to cure me ever since! - You may expect some changes this year as long past it will not effect you any. —

With Kind Regards - and Hoping you are well, Believe me (Yours Sincerely. -

Peter Price Esq.re
St. Catharines

John Wilkinson

1921

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[illegible] caught Blodgett [illegible] year at
[illegible] you [illegible] over to you
us! - Tha[illegible] Ben. - - -
[illegible] prepar[illegible] Her plans for a
business in [illegible]ing this year in
[illegible] Bay - Mason Estate [illegible] Mumford,
his Bay [illegible] Building a New
Dock [illegible] Noble is also build[illegible]
new [illegible] Collingwood. -
I got [illegible] Goderich I will
[illegible] Stay about
[illegible] Harris - of
[illegible] - Ken[illegible] I left there
[illegible] [illegible] of fishing
[illegible] go [illegible] year about 26,
years ago. - [illegible] Harris and C.A.
Harris of Ft. Erie Know him well,
he went down there to Goderich. -
See the article attached I recently
cut down the Mail. - - I just received the
enclosed letter from Young [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

3.

fish 5,335 pounds of fish, caught by Ft.
Ill: G. Fraser. Overseer at Victoria Harbour
Georgian Bay. - I hold the receipts
alluded to from Major Gillen - to Ft.
Frad: Lincoln, - and Malcolm [illegible] Lean, to
$100, each. - - And their vouchers taken by
me at French River, on the 15th and 16th
of Sept: 1887. - I wish you to advise
me what I am to do in this case. if
my humble advice was to be taken in
the premises. I would say give them
back their $100. each; pay Lincoln for
7,714 pounds of fish caught by Ft.
Fraser! and 5,335 pounds of fish caught
by Fraser should be accounted for to
Malcom [illegible] Lean, - And then send them
home to Nippewa Michigan: We have
abundance of our own people, witness
Porters letter. - - With my warm regards
and respects! Believe me! -

Yours respectfully. -

John W. Kerr. -
" " "
D.F.O.

Hamilton. Ont.
1st Feb: 1888 } &c.

Hamilton, Ont,
1st February 1868,—

My dear Sharp,—

Yours received.—I will meet you when the 11.45 Train from Port Dover arrives at Station here.

With kind regards as ever.—

Yours Sincerely.—

John Wilson
M.P.

D. Sharp Esqr
Inspector.—
St Ryerse. Ont.

Memo: for S. C. Ramsay, Esqre
Fisheries Department.—
Ottawa, Ont.—

When I visited the Fisheries Department at Ottawa early in the season of last year; Major Tilton—Deputy Minister, Department of Fisheries—promised to appoint my youngest son, Edward Thomas Wilson—to a place under me, and who has been assisting me when it became necessary for several years past.—

Will you be pleased to bring the matter now before the Major, and please recommend that my son Edward, be appointed as Clerk and Bailiff under me at a fixed salary of $ 250. a year, from the 1st January last.—My long and faithful services will I hope entitle me to this indulgence.

Hamilton, Ont. Respectfully Submitted.—
1st February 1868.— John Wilson—
Fishery Overseer.

Memorandum for D. O. Ramsay Esq.
Fisheries Department.—
Ottawa, Ont.—
Mr. Caun, Mr. Queen and Crosby.—

With reference to your Memorandums in these cases, take for instance: Peter McCann, he is the son of a British Soldier... I have known him personally since 1847. nearly 41 years ago, when I was in London, and was a Clerk in the Post Office there... Thomas Scotchard, deceased, was a Baldwin Reformer, and a favourite in his day with us all; any thing he C. would recommend Peter McCann because he has always been a useful man, without pretension... Owns at one time plenty of property in London, Kept a large Hotel opposite the Roman Catholic Cathedral, and lost it all by endorsing for persons answering to be friends.. He is now getting up again and as long as selling liquor in London will last, he will do well as a successful Saloon Keeper on the Market Place, how long this may last no one can foretell! As the Scott Act may demoralize the City of London at any time.. Thos Peters in course would go sure.. He never drinks a single drop of any Kind of intoxicating liquor.....

One of Peter McCann's daughters is married to a younger brother of Mr Wm Meredith M. P. London leader in the Provincial Parliament - Toronto.. And Peter McCann to this day and for years past a good Conservative.-

In addition to the 50 miles from London to Cashmere; he has the South Branch of the Thames from London to Woodstock - distance by the River 40 miles - by Railway 25 miles.—

1.

Down the north Branch of the Thames,- from London to St Marys, and Downey,- 32 miles more, much longer by the route of these two Branches!-

Please read my report to the Deputy Minister dated 30th April 1887.- Both these Branches abound with Bass, I saw people catch them.-

Which I attribute to the negligence of Mr Crotty, who latterly is extra and efficient for the London Fish Market.--

I intended when the Fishways on the Thames are completed on the "Thames and Branches" - All in his division: to recommend that his salary be raised to $300, a year.--

Upon non apt can I advise a reduction of $100 from Mr Crotty salary,- nor any reduction whatever, rather add 50, more per annum to it; Make it $300, a year; he is a useful man in his capacity as an Overseer.--

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2.- John Crotty.- Keeps a General Store in Rockwell, which is about 3 miles from Cashmere Dam - River Thames.-- From Cashmere to Louisville, the distance by Railway is ---- about 14 miles, but by the windings and bends of the River Thames it must be upwards of 20 miles.--

The banks of the River Thames are high over the surface of water on the River, between Cashmere and Louisville.-- The Indians fish a good deal, and require to be closely looked after: A settlement of Indians are living on each side of the River,?? and Mr Crotty, requires a Boat, very much for the more efficient discharge of his duties.--- See page 14 of my report to you dated 30th April 1887.-- Crotty's division, may be extended

by you, on the the Railway Bridge over the Thames at the Railway Station of Lake Erie and Detroit Railway. This will add about 6 Miles more to Mr John Crotty's Division.--

And I candidly tell you $140, is fair per year, but dont take it from Peter McCann.--

Crotty is a decent respectable young man.- His father is in the Civil Service, - some where in Manitoba.--- I recommend him for your favourable consideration.

Timothy McQueen, by the Annual Report of 1886. has already $150. a year.---

When I paid him a visit on the 20th of April 1887. at his residence on the Bank of the Thames, about 12 miles on the River, below Chatham, where he resides amongst his friendly neighbours the French!- I found him a Conservative.- We talked Politics, and he told me then, Mr Smith, and he had a spat, but he is far from being a Grit in disguise!- he is a Conservative.- has a good deal of influence amongst the French, having taught school all over the Country up there. He is a suitable person, for the position he occupies, as Fishery Overseer! I understood from him. that he can speak French!- And as he lives amongst the Fishermen - both French and other Canadians,- And as he requires to be active and efficient at this important season of the year; when Seine fishing is going on in the River Thames under the Ice, in his Division.-- $150. a year, is only sufficient for the position he holds.--- I would not be led to do Mr McQueen harm, so long as he does his duty, and proves true to the Government.---

Hamilton, Ont,
1st Feb: 1888.

Respectfully Submitted.
J. Hill Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

Messrs: Jos. A. Moore & Co.
Hamilton Ontario

Gents:

We are sent you to-day per
ex. re. D. Sharp, Esq. Deputy Minister
Militia & Def. Copy requisition
recommended by the Hon. —
Agent: Lunk. & Mc Kee.

Also Gen. Order, Re Pay
& Staff, and Gen. — & Gen.
Order Re. Returns required
Kem to be sent Agreeable. —
I have to make Claim. —
to early Reply we are
Dyster much Re Contract.
Kem. Electric Light Co.
satisfactory — it was ever,
please see Hamilton — I got my
Lady Gregory — I have not
Inside the G. Ince. Yours Respectfully
Hamilton Ont. John Hickson

Claus: Jos Account Branch! —
Please find receipt herewith,
for $ 100,- advance! — — — Yours Respectfully. —
John Hickson F. O.

Hamilton, Ont,
3rd February 1888. —

Printed Papers 1888! —

D. Sharp Esq.
Deputy Minister
Militia Def.
Ottawa

Hamilton
4. Jan: 1888.

Answer to No: 1. Query given !....

W: B: Woolland, on his arrival from England, worked for some time at Leslieville. in a Brick yard, and he fished then, then he left there and fished for Mr. Van-Vleck, at Van-Vleck; near the mouth of the Nottawasaga River, Georgian Bay.- From there he went to Collingwood and fished still on in Georgian Bay.- Then he came back to Leslieville and was furnished as I am informed by William Montgomery, a fisherman, No: 140, Front street, Toronto: With Gill Nets and Boats, by the deceased John Mollard: It was then, W: B: Woolland, married John Mollards daughter.-

Woolland was always quarrelsome with other fishermen; when at Leslieville, Woolland had a house he got from John Mollard, it was on the bar, between Lake Ontario, and Ashbridges Bay:- and here up to the year 1881, Woolland had a licence to fish.- He sold out the House to an American, and the house was burned down a few nights afterwards.- "While living there Woolland and the Langs were continually quarrelling, you may remember it".-

Mr John Leckie, of Front st. Toronto, "Gills and other Nets, furnished" informs me he fitted Woolland out in the year 1882, with Boats and Gill Nets, and with provisions of all Kinds, and started him to fish at St. Ignace, Lake Superior, where he remained fishing for some time, he then moved to Nepigon Channel, and remained there fishing, until fishing and Navigation closed in the fall of 1884, he supplied the Syndicate with fish, while there at 6 ct, per pound.---

And before he left there, he sold off Boats and Nets, and put all the money for fish, boats and nets, in his wifes name, and he and she defrauded Mr John Leckie, and all his other Creditors.----

Mr Leckie tells me, that neither Woolland nor his wife had a ct, when they started for Lake Superior:- Mr Leckie paid their passage there, and provided them

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with every thing ample and comfortable, in the line of provisions, &c. &c. &c.

When Woollard, his wife and family came back from Lake Superior, he settled in Port Credit, bought a House and Lot, a Horse and Waggon; two new fishing Boats at Collingwood, and a large fresh supply of Nets.---

Mr Leckie, has informed me that every thing Woollard has pretends to have is all in his wifes name, and do they have defrauded Leckie, and all his creditors.-

W. B. Woollard as you are aware took out licenses to fish in Lake Ontario, during the year 1885, and has continued to do so every year since.-- At present he has no license, it expired on the 31st December last.--

W. B. Woollard, has bought other property in his wifes name - in Pt Credit, and has leased a lot there.-

He has done sufficiently well at Port Credit fishing, and there is no necessity in depriving our worthy Brouke fishermen of fishing gill nets on good fishing grounds - discovered by them 18 years ago, and where they have continued to fish yearly ever since.--

Woollard has no right nor title to them!!!—

The Money which W. B. Woollard (he signs B. Woollard, since done this last summer,) defrauded John Leckie out of; is the money Leckie told me with which it is said he bought the property, &c. &c. &c. at Port Credit &c. in his wifes name.----

Woollard and his Wife have defrauded John Leckie out of $1000 altogether: please find Mr John Leckie's Letter enclosed.--- I can even tell you more if it be necessary for me to do so.—

Respectfully Submitted,—

J. Hall Wilkes—

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.—

1st February 1888.

No: 1....

I hand you Answer herewith it is numbered 1. ---

No: 2.-

In Answer to No: 2,- I may here state; that he has had last year the privilage of fishing within the limits of 79. Square miles, according to his own showing: his efforts are to drive the the Brouté fishermen out of the Toronto Market, so I was told.- From the beach outward in L'Entonio, fronting on Case,- it is first sand and gravel bottom, then follows rocks and reefs; and then outside of them we come to the deep mud bottom!! the spawning ground, and resort of the fishes. - - -

3.- Wm. Singleton of Brouté has fished there for 30 years.- For 18 years Thomas Joyce, has been a resident of Brouté, and fished there. - - Nearly all Brouté fishermen have been fishermen there from 12. to 15 years. - - All the fishermen in Brouté,- only fish as there- when crowded by Burlington Beach fishermen.-

Then it is Brouté fishermen give way,- to the Beach fishermen without a murmur.- Except with Woolland alone! no one complains,- and after No: 1.- Memo: I am even puzzled!- I knew the dirt, and truth would come out in the end, and so it has.-

1. What are his woolland's antecedents as a fisherman?

2. Were his interpretation of limits to prevail, how many square miles of water- approximate- would it give him?

3. For how many years did the Brouté fishermen fish on the grounds which woolland claim before woolland occupied them himself?

No: 4. —

At present Woolland has no limits — Last year he had the privilege of fishing in Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Peel. The fish of various Kinds, abound in Lake Ontario, and I find during last season by his own return furnished me, that he caught six varieties of them. — Woolland's statement is false and unfounded! — He fished all through last year for Ciscos: having an agreement, to furnish Telegraphs of Young st, Toronto, with large smoked Ciscos, a perishable fish in summer. — The fish in his return, I suppose all taken in the Lake, at certain seasons. —

4. Is it a fact that, although allowed in Woolland's petition, to fish for certain kinds of fish, he limits his catch?

No: 5. —

Not exactly, see my report of January 9th 1888. — For your information, Woolland should not slander the Brouté fishermen who have established a flourishing Trade, all over Ontario: — The reputation as honest upright men is too well known, and, Joel assertion of Mr Woolland will never harm them. —

They never put fish in the market. They will not do anything to tarnish their reputation. I speak of the Mr Inglehearts, Smith & Mr Mr Hare all having fish houses and private piers of their own! Mr Hare's fish are inspected

5. Is it a fact that, owing to distance, Brouté fishermen are often unable to attend their nets for weeks and that, consequently, fish rot in the grounds and are lost?

No: 6. —

In answer to No: 6. I have had all the Brants fishermen together, and talked over what division of I would recommend to you, and to Acceptance of limits so as to avoid further complications while at the same time dealing fairly with all parties concerned. — I can recommend no division of a fishery in Lake Cuta= ña between Pt. Credit and Brants...

Brants fishermen have no desire to go below their long established limits; while at the same time, they have no objection whatever to Woollard fishing therein fairly.

Woollard, Brants fishermen say, can go up and fish, at the upper end of the County of Halton, if he likes and no fishermen in fairness will interfere with him. — To attempt a dividing line - for one man whose reputation is now so notorious and well known to all fishermen! who get their g. net. supplies from John Leckie, would be a farce. — Woollard cannot expect a Monopoly in Lisences, - as he has had in Leckie's money. — I would therefore respectfully recommend that no division be made, but that every fisherman fish all over, between Pt. Credit and Burlington. — And this I hope will if approved of by you and Mr. Bernard Woollards desire - aided by a certain J. P. - to get hold even by Bribery to a Fishery he is in no way entitled to. —

Hamilton, Ont.,
14th Feb: 1888.

Respectfully submitted. — John W. Kerr.
J. P. —

b. In order to avoid the complications, while at the same time dealing fairly with all parties concerned, that division of waters would be recommended, as to the disposition of

Hamilton, Ont. —
3rd February, 1888. —

Sir. —

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 285. for Nineteen dollars. — —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows, during this current year, as license to Spear Bass, Pike and Herring — in the Public waters of Dundas Marsh — and Burlington Bay. — Viz: —

1.	Thomas H. Herbert. — Hamilton	Spearing license:	$ 1.00 —
2.	Alfred Little. Flamboro East.	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
3.	James Little. do. — do. —	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
4.	Patrick Roach. Hamilton. —	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
5.	James Smith. Hamilton. —	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
6.	William Walker. Dundas. —	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
7.	Donald Reid. Hamilton.	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
8.	Alfred Bridges. — do. —	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
9.	Charles Smith. — — " —	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
10.	Christopher Case. — " —	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
11.	Thomas Tyson. — — " —	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
12.	Hugh Tyson. — — " —	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
13.	James Catt. — — " —	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
14.	McKay and Cotter — — " — (Two Boys)	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
15.	Charles Dew. — — " —	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
16.	Arthur Catchpole. — — " —	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
17	James Smeathan, — " —	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
18.	Alex: McDonald, Burlington Beach. —	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
19.	Thomas Jones. — Saltfleet. —	— " — — " —	" 1.00 " —
		Total. —	$ 19.00 —

Respectfully Submitted. —

John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer. —

The Deputy Minister. —
Department of Fisheries. —
Ottawa, Ont.

David Sharp.

Port Ryerse.

1st January, 31st December 7

					in Miles.	
1887.						
February.	11th	To Port Dover, to meet Overseer J. W. Kerr, on fishing business in connection with my division in Lake Erie!.	1/2	1.	S.H.& B. 8 Miles.	1. 50.-
—"—	18.	Off to Port Rowan and Clear Creek, Lake Erie, on fishing business, found all right.	1/2	2.	S.H.& B.- 50. Miles.	4. 50.-
—"—	21.	At Turkey point enquiring after fishing matters. - -	1/2	1.	S.H.& B.- 16. Miles.	1. 25.-
Clear Creek.	15.	A Telegraph to St Williams, paid by me.	---	---	---	" 10.-
April.	1st	Off to Rainham, and to Abm Hoovers, and the other fisheries. - -	1/2	1.	S.H.& B.- 50. Miles.	3. 75.-
—"—	5.	Off to Clear Creek, posting "Close Season" Notices for Bass, Pickerel and Muskinonge	1/2	2.	S.H.& B.- 50. Miles.	5. 00.-
—"—	22.	Off down Lake Erie, to Rainham, collecting license fees..	1/2	1.	S.H.& B.- 50. Miles.	2. 50.-
—"—	27.	Off to Clear Creek, collecting licence fees. V..	1/2	2.	S.H.& B.- 60. Miles.	5. 00.-
—"—	30.	Stationery paid for by me! - - -	---	---	---	--- 57.
June.	1st	Paid Telegraph to Port Burwell.-	---	---	---	--- 25.
—"—	11.	Up to Port Royal, delivering licences, for current year. - - - -	1/2	1.	S.H.& B.- 40. Miles	3. 00.-
—"—	27.	Off to Port Burwell, to deliver Frank Jackson, his found net licence..	1/2	1.	S.H.& B. 72. Miles.	3. 00.-
July.	29.	Off to Turkey point, delivering licences for this current year. - -	1/2	2.	S.H.& B. 72. Miles.	3. 00.-
August.	11.	Off to Port Rowan, delivering licences for this current year. -	1/2	1.	S.H.& B.- 16. Miles.	1. 00.-
—"—	17.	Off to Port Burwell, to see Frank Jackson on his fishing business. - -	1/2	1.	S.H.& B.- 32. Miles.	2. 50.-
—"—	24.	Off to Selkirk, delivering licences for this current year. - - -	1/2	2.	S.H.& B.- 72. Miles.	5. 25.-
September.	29.	At Port Rowan, delivering licences for this current year. - - -	1/2	1.	S.H.& B.- 36. Miles.	2. 50.-
October.	29.	Off to Rainham Centre.- posting up "Close season" notices for Trout and White fish. - -	1/2	2.	S.H.& B.- 36. Miles.	4. 50.-
—"—	27.	Off to Clear Creek, posting up "Close season" Notices for do. - do.-	1/2	1.	S.H.& B.- 50. Miles.	3. 00.-
November.	19.	Off to Buffalo, in pursuit of Darius Swartz, Commander of fishermen in Lake Erie at Sandusk Creek, reported to have conveyed white fish in his Boat to Buffalo; did not capture him. - -	1/2	1.	S.H.& B.- 170. Mls.	6. 00.-
—"—	22.	Off to South Cayuga, posting notices, and attending to the protection of White fish during "Close season". -	1/2	3.	S.H.& B.- 93. Miles.	8. 50.-
		Carried Over !-		26.	941. Miles	$66. 76¢.-

David Sharpe,
Port Ryerse,
1st January. 31st December. 7

1887.						miles.		
December	18.	Off down to the Lower end of Lake Erie. - in re a Barnes Quarty. Acc -	½		26.	94 miles.	66.	76..
		parties of breaking the Law. - - - -	½			M.V.R.		
"	20.	Paid Peter Rose for Assisting me at Selkirk. - Rainham. &c. -	½		2.	56. Miles.	5.	25.-
"	30.	Up as far as Clear Creek. - Collecting Licence Fees. - - -			2.	- " -	2.	00.-
						M.V.R.		
Added!		Postages paid during the year!			1½.	48. Miles.	3.	75.-
"		Getting Bank Orders for Ottawa! -			"	"	2.	48.-
January.	2.	At Ithuse - sent same to Fish. Dept.			1.	10. Miles	1.	00. - M.V.R.
"	2.	do. -	do. -	do. -	1.	10. "	1.	00. - " "
"	4.	do. -	do. -	do. -	1.	10. "	1.	00. - " "
"	2.	do. -	do. -	do. -	1.	10. "	1.	00. - " "
"	3.	do. -	do. -	do. -	1.	10. "	1.	00. - " "
"	3.	do. -	do. -	do. -	1.	10. "	1.	00. - " "
December	3.	do. -	do. -	do. -	1.	10. "	1.	00 " "
				Totals. - - - -	38½	1115 Miles.	86.	24 cts. -
Added! -		James W. McCuaig, Salary - as Fishery Guardian - Turkey Point, Lake Erie! for year ending 31st December 1887.					30.	00. -
				Grand Total. -			1.	116. 24 cts. -

I have examined and Copied off. -
from Overseer Sharpe - diary for the
past year as above! and I hereby cer-
tify to the correctness of the same. -

John Wilkes
Fishery Overseer,
Hamilton, -
Ont. -

Hamilton! Ont. -
4. February 1888. -

Hamilton! Ont. —
6. February 1883.

My dear Sharp! —

I send your Incidentals to-day, altho' we had no conversation on Thursday about Jim McDonald, still I remembered him — and that you said to — at Simcoe — you would not require his services any longer after last year. — I would advise just notifying him and let him go! — and should you require any person at any time, why! employ your own son or some one nearer home; instead of our friend McDonald. — Letter $20 — to be added to the $30, — which would make $50, additional for yourself. — dont you think so yourself. —

On getting home on Saturday last. — I had a visit and a long chat from your friend Dutch — alias Darius Swartz — of Sandwich Ont, D. Sharp Esqre
F. Cameron. —
Port Ryerse —
Ont

You will have doubtless seen him on the Train. — I told him you were in Town, and I advised him to cultivate your friendship. — —

When I got your returns in to ship shape, I found I could not complete them and make a report within the time at my command so I put the thing off until I get back from Goderich. — I shall leave there on tomorrow morning. — I expect to be back about Friday — if every thing goes on right with me, but at the same time I may tell you, I shall have a hard road to travel and I have been there before — and I know the place well. — With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely —
John W. Kerr — P.S. —

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Hamburg! Sat. –
6. February 1858.

My dear Mary! –

I have your charming letter of the 20th ult. from Cincinnati, and feel very much flattered by your remembrance. – But that you should – at Christmas – your mother not forgive her daughter and keeper of the last year … I wonder somehow. Pray write him and tell him so. – I have your request and promise not to forget about Jim altogether. – Only I am afraid that this, with the many other things I have to do, will be put off from time to time, and at last forgotten. – Please, dear Mary, write me a long letter & tell me all about yourself, your plans, your doings, your reading, your writing, your thinking, your feeling, your everything. – Don't be afraid of boring me. – I am always glad to hear from you, and I am sure you will find the same pleasure in writing to me. – Now, dear Mary, I must tell you something about myself. – I am getting tired of travelling. – I have had enough of it for the present. – I am longing for a quiet home, for my own fireside, for my own piano, for my own books, for my own pictures, for my own people, for my own friends, for my own country. – I am longing for Germany. – I am longing for Bonn. – I am longing for you. – I am longing for my own life. – I am longing for my own work. – I am longing for my own self. – I am longing for my own soul. – I am longing for my own heart. – I am longing for my own mind. – I am longing for my own spirit

Hamilton! Ont.
6. Feb: 1888.—

My dear Friend!

You are welcome back.— always glad to hear from you! if you are alone $2.00 will do, but if you have an other man helping you! please send me $3.— and send me his name and residence.— and give the number of yards of file steel.— You propose fishing!— always pleased when in communication with you.— With my warm regards and best wishes,—

Believe me, Yours fraternally.—
J. Hall Wilkes.—
Fishery Guard.

Wm. Beaver Esq.
Ridgeway.—
Buffalo. C.O.—
Ont.

Hamilton! Ont.
6. Feb: 1888.—

My dear Sir!—

Your letter received, send me $5.— on receipt.— and I dont forget that you promised to pay me Hunts license $5.—

Let me have this money on receipt.— and address me Emas Letter and dont forget it.—

Yours truly.
J. Hall Wilkes.—
F. Guard.
Hamilton.
—Ont.—

Wm. Handcock.—
Fisherman.—
Ridgeway.— Buffalo
Ont.

FISHERIES, Hamilton, 31st December 1883. —

This thirty first day of December 1883. —

received from the Honble Minister Marine and *of Fisheries,*

for the Division of Hamilton,

the sum of Twenty *Dollars and*

x *cents, being for* Expenses incurred from time to time on

Postages, Pens, Ink, Paper, &c, Telegraphs, &c paid by me from date

of my appointment, in year 1874, up to 31st December 1883. —

— in connection with the Fisheries. — *This voucher in duplicate.*

I recommend this amount to be paid to Mr W. D. Pollock.

John W Kerr,
D. O.

Signed,
W. D. Pollock,
per J.W.Kerr
D.O.

Names of persons employed during the year, whether fishermen or not, and the number of days each was employed:

1. Dan: Burpee. —
2. Moses Whitlock —
3. John Braddock —
4. Mark Carey. —
5. Duncan Carey. —
6. Charles Crosby. —
7. W. O. Dickson. —
8. Henry Dyer. —
9. Jas: Partridge.
10. George Coppidge.
11. David McGibbney. —
12. Jas: Armstrong. —
13. John Smith. —
14. Charles Starkes —
15. Edward Starkes. —
16. John Mezgale. —
17. Wallace Gilbert. —
18. George Carey. —
19. Wm Hutchinson.
20. Peter Blackie. —
21. Jas: Cunningham. —

Mr Edward F. Kane, Pubnico to Mem.
F. Guardian. — 5 fishermen and 3
Rudder. Cut. — Boats. Cut. —
Just see the Mem. sent
issued for Hamilton. — Cut. —
A Pubnico. —

J.W.K.
D.O.

FISHERIES.

VOUCHER, No. 10.

IN NAME OF W. [illegible],

Treasurer, Bronte.—

To

Claim, $ 20.00

Postage, $

Memorandum for S. P. Rousst Esqre.
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa! Ont. —

On Monday morning last in obedience to your order to proceed to Goderich, where I expected to find Overseer A. C. McKinnon, and where you supposed he resided and I would find him. — Instead of this I may now tell you that I had to proceed lot 14, in the 11th concession of the Township of Kincardine, - it is away north, near the village of Tiverton - say about 5 miles thereof, and 45 miles from Goderich where he lives. —

He has lived there ever since his appointment, after I had made my great tour from Chatham, Rondeau, - to Leamington, and over on the Ice, in Lake Erie - to Pelly Island, the Detroit Rr. fisheries. Lake St. Clair fisheries - over the Ice to Mitchells Bay. - The River Thames fisheries, from the mouth, away up to Chatham, Louisville, and Dashwood. — Thence to Goderich, and from there away by Kincardine to Lower Huron, - Port Elgin, and Southampton. ---

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Hence back to Goderich, away to Brayfield, - Port Franks, - west of the Big Bend. Lake Huron! thence to Point Edward, at the mouth of St. Clair River - and up the Lake towards Kettle point - wherever the Fisherman - then resided! then to Sarnia; and away down the St. Clair River, among the fishermen. - to Baby's Point, - and my return home here: and my great report was made! - regarding the Fisheries over all these Lakes, Rivers and Territories. ---

This was in March 1872; - after which A. C. McKinnon - was appointed a Fishery Overseer! supposed by the Department to be resident in Goderich ever since. —

The weather when I made my inspection then was excessively cold - the snow mountains high! during my drive from Goderich to the residence of Overseer McKinnon, and then back and on to the village of Tiverton, where I found Mr. A. C. McKinnon - on the afternoon of tuesday - the 7th inst. -

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About 2. p.m. - - - After he arrived at Tiverton he put in his appearance at Mrs Turners Hotel at Tiverton. - - After the usual salutations were over - Mr Kinnon and I retired to a private room. when I produced your letter of instructions to me - read it to him, produced the list of fishery licences issued by him A: C: McKinnon - from 1st January 1887 - to the 31st December 1887! - and I read over the names for him, - he acknowledged they had paid all the money to him - $740.00 - and he had converted it to his own use and for his benefit instead of forwarding it to the Department. - The Indians paid him nothing! - he told me he got some licence money from the Lake fisherman - at the Long Bend - Lake Huron - and he used this also: - - - McKinnon told me the Georgian fishermen (3) had not paid him. - I got $5 - from one of them, another promised to send me $5 - next week; and the 3rd one was away - whilst I was at Goderich. -

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It is too bad as I told him, you thinking so much of him. - - Still he is apparently a decent man: and a conservative - your a reform friend a vote ever, always voted conservative ever since. -

I took down a statement from him which he signed - acknowledging to me - that he owed $740. of the $790 - dollars, which was paid to him during the year 1887 - for licenses fees - for Pound Nets, at Kettle Point, Lake Huron. - - - The Indians paid him nothing - they did not pay him $50. -

I send you a copy of the statement he has made to me at the village of Tiverton, on the 7th instant, which he signed, and I countersigned the same. - I await your further orders in the premises: and you might draft a report for me to make to the Department. He promised to write me for your information, giving a detailed statement of how the Money $740 - went. - Yours respectfully. -

Hamilton, Ont. A. McKinnon. -
11. February 1888. Fishery Overseer.

Memorandum—

For S. O. Bennett Esqre.
Fisheries Department—
Ottawa; Ont.—

The Brant fishermen done well at the late Election, on the 7th instant; they pulled down Waldies vote Ten.—

I saw them on the 19th January;— when they promised faithfully to support Henderson.— I am satisfied they have done so and acted like men and good Conservatives.— Please dont forget them in re= Woodland! they know all about him— both from Lockie and me, when I called them together on the 19th January last!— Hurrah for Montague,— M^c^Cuaig Henderson and Wallace— all in a row!— Now the Hamilton Division of fisheries— sends them as M. O^s^ to Ottawa.—

Alley M^c^Kay and Adam Brown—
Hamilton.

Franklin M. Carpenter— Wentworth.—
Charles Rykert, Lincoln.—
John Ferguson Midland; Mr Boyle Muskoka!—
Doctor Montague, Haldimand!—
and Colonel Tisdale, Norfolk!—
Besides 3— M. Os in Toronto.—
I congratulate you.—
Yours heartfully.—
Hamilton! Ont.— John W Kerr— J.P.—
11. Feb: 1888.—

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P.S.

Please send me my Statistics until I make out my Report.—
Yrs &.
J W Kerr— J.P.
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Copy.-

Alexander C. McKinnon, is Fishery Overseer of the Goderich Division, on Lake Huron - Between Point Clark and Kettle Point. - - - Is a fishery Overseer for and during the past sixteen years, being appointed in the year 1872, at $100.- per year. - - -

In the year 1874, was appointed by Mr W. F. Whitcher, late Commissioner of Fisheries - for to take charge of the late Overseer John Eastwoods Division of and at Southampton - Lake Huron! - - Was in charge of the same for two years, and for which he has never received any compensation whatever. - - - -

Was sent afterwards to The Ducks - Lake Huron! to settle a dispute and disturbance raised between Messrs Gauthier and Salmon - fishermen, and Fish Dealers. - Arranged the matter between them, being twelve days employed! - Proceeded by the way of Owen Sound, Killarney, Little Current, and the Manitoulins - to The Ducks. - - Mr W. F. Whitcher, late Commissioner of Fisheries, allowed him for said duty only twelve dollars. - - -

In March 1885. - was called down to Ottawa, by The Deputy Ministers - - - Was in Ottawa - in the Fisheries Department, when Major Tilton, - said to Mr Bunset why not raise McKinnon's salary now! - Mr Bunset said in reply not at present, the funds are low; wait until July next. - - - It has never been done yet!! - -

McKinnon states it was also understood then, that his Division was to be extended from Kettle Point on from Point Clark, - to Southampton. - - - - Instead of this being carried out - McKinnon states two persons were appointed - - One was appointed from Clarks Point, to Stokes Bay, - Lake Huron. - - - McKinnon

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States report has it and it was said to be on the recommendation of Mr. McBeath, M.P. at Wiarton, Ono. Mr. Murray of Allan Port received the appointment! -- To this made new Division: And John Shackleton - of Colpoys Bay, - received the appointment to the other new Division, from Stokes Bay, in Lake Huron, away in to Georgian Bay. McKinnon states! when Mr. Merrick an ex M.P. - made his Grand Tour - of Georgian Bay, - Lake Huron, &c. &c. then Mr. McKinnon says: I was at considerable expense waiting on him; at last I told him I had no means to accompany him any longer. -- For this McKinnon says I received no expenses. --

McKinnon says and told me, he has never charged a cent for proceeding to Goderich, from his residence a distance of Forty five miles. - But that when he got to Goderich; he then charged expenses away down to Kettle point visiting the fisheries! and on his return at Long Bend and Bayfield - charged expenses again - to Goderich. --

I asked McKinnon to explain the episode of his accidental narrative - his reply was - he was supposed to be residing in Goderich, whereas he lived since his appointment on the west 3 chains of lot No. 14, in the 11th* Concession of Kinnardine. -- And from Goderich town, (45 miles,) he has never charged the Department anything, and this has gone on for nearly 16 years: - with Goderich his Post office, - on all official communications from the Department. -

McKinnon says: he has been ill, and between Doctors bills and other expenses - he has no hesitation in telling me that he has collected $740. - of the $790. - named in the List of licenses, and his necessities has compelled

* For year 1887.*

him to spend it for his own and his family use
& in number, and for their special benefit. - - -

That with his salary raised to $200.- a year, he has proposed to do his duty as Overseer - and draw none of his salary until he has liquidated the debt: Or if the Department says so he will sell his House and place - 3 Acres of land; with a good orchard I saw it this day! being the south west corner of lot No: 14. in the 11th Concession of Kinnaedine, and pay back the money $740.- -

All of which is respectfully Submitted.-

Dated at Tiverton, this 7th February 1888,-

Signed.-

Countersigned! A. C. McKinnon.

by me,- John Wilson - Fishery Overseer.-

Stanleyton Ont.

Note!. 3.-

The foregoing are the facts given to me in Mrs Furness Hotel at Tiverton on the afternoon of the 7th instant. - I await your further instructions in the premises.-

Yours respectfully,-

L: O. Bennet Esqre. - John Wilson -

Fisheries Department. - Fishery Overseer. -

Ottawa: Ont. - Hamilton. Ont. -

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Continued!—

Mr. C. McKinnon states The Indians on Kettle point refused to pay $50. licence fee... They wish to be treated the same as the Sable Indians.—

That is pay $25.— yearly.— and allow ala the Indians on Kettle point to fish.—

Mr McKinnon states consequently I did not receive the $50.— nor any money from the Indians of Kettle point.—

Mr McKinnon, stated to me that he hoped I would not oppose him at Fairbank.

My reply was to report all the facts to Mr S.C. Bunset, and the Fisheries Department. Ottawa, that I would adhere to his request and I advised him to pay the Department the $740. licence fees he had collected... Mr McKinnon said I feel keenly the degrading position in which I have placed myself... That for some time he was expecting some one up, expected it would be me, as I generally looked after such things for the Department.—

Mr C.C. McKinnon, said to me ashamed of my conduct, and what I have done, although receiving 2 letters from Mr Bunset, respecting my gross neglect in this matter and the misapplication of the licence fees... He has also neglected to make out the Statistical returns for year 1887, he has however handed me returns and I will now make out the Annual return of the Federal Division of Lake Huron for the Department.

Dated at Fairbank, this 7th February 1888

Signed. A. C. McKinnon.—

Countersigned by me!

John W. Kerr. F.C.—

Hamilton. Ont.

Hamilton, Ont,-
13th February 1888....

Sir,-

I have the honor to send you Bank Draft No: 312,- for the sum of Ten Dollars...

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as fish-eries licenses, as follows: viz:-

1. Robert Clark, Goderich,- For a Boat license to fish 8000. Yards of Salmon Trout and White fish gill nets in Lake Huron,- during the year ending on the 31st of December 1888.- Amount is herewith!....$5.00.-

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license and send same to me to deliver after I countersign it...

2, Arthur Bates, Ladysmith,- For Spearing Bass,- Pike and Herring in Burlington and Dundas Marsh, between the 20th of November 1887,- and the 15th April 1888.-
Already received and delivered! amount is. $1.00.

3, George St, Davey,- Barton,- do.. do,- do. ..1.00.

4. George Brant,- Hamilton,- do.. do.- do. ..1.00.-

5. Wm Johnson,- Hamilton,- do.. do.- do. ..1.00.

6. J. St. Hawkins,- do,- do.- do.- do, ..1.00.

Total..$10.00.

All of which is respectfully submitted.-

John Wilkes,-
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,
The Department of Fisheries,-
Ottawa,- Ont.-

Memo: for S. C. Bunset Esqre M.P.
F. department.-
Ottawa! Ont.-

Your Memo: in re- Woolland case is received! see my pencil remark thereon, re-garding Charley Burns:- Watson - M.C. of West York - would raise Hain - if Burns was interfered with. - - Your Memo: is every thing to the purpose! - I only add a few words in pencil for your information. I approve of every thing - you have said and done - in Woolland's case. V. V. - V. is sent back.

As regards the Algoma, Pennsylvania Minister Letter, sent me by the Misses Jewells - Grocers Hamilton! I have it all O.K. - Will send it to you on Tomorrow. -

I must go back to Kincardine next time, and meet A. C. McKinnon - perhaps it is all just as you say! - I will not complain of him yet - I must see him again! -

Hamilton! Ont. 13. Feb: 1888.

Yours respectfully. -
John Wilkinson M.P.

Memo! for S. C. Bunset Esqre M.P.
Fisheries Department. -
Ottawa! Ont.

It was through James Clarke - of Wiarton - who lives in Goderich during winter that I found out where McKinnon lives. -

Clarke is building three Tugs this winter at Goderich - I saw them on the Stocks there. - Two are for fishing in Lake Huron this year. The third tug which is a large vessel is for carrying fish on Georgian Bay - to the Railway for transhipment. - -

Appearances are at present against us in this McKinnon case: he has misapplied $780. altogether. - After I saw him on the 7th instant I drove back from Kincardine to Goderich on the 8th and on the 9th from Goderich to Bayfield and return, then home here on the 10th instant.

When Mac. heard from me I was going to Bayfields - and Bruenfort and the Long Bend - and I asked for the names of the fishermen in those places. then he confessed to his

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taking $35 more: and I found out give dollars more at Bayfield myself. -

So that leaving out the Indian's licenses $50. which he did not get: he has got $30. and Kept it all. - - -

I had a long letter from McKinnon. pleading for his misfortune - and entreating for my mediation with you. V. V. V. Were we shall see! I start from here on Thursday morning for Kinmondine - the Queens Hotel. then I will be within 13 miles of Mac: residence. - - -

And I may Hope you I will do my duty. - You may Tell The Deputy - he can rely upon me - for if there is any thing to be got I will not come back here without it. - - -

McKinnon - in his letter to me - just received. pleads hard, his poverty - sickness. of himself and in his family. and relys upon you to help him out of the trouble. -

Your Telegraph to me will be a guarantee to Levi to this effect. -

When he did begin. he made a clean sweep.

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I know Ross a fisherman at Bayfield say something about McKinnon fishing during the past 2. years, but not precisely, I did not then wish to say anything: nor say any thing of the state of things as I found them. -

I feel sorry for the man. as Jim Clark - said better prosecute the F. officers. to protect the fish. during "Close season". and take the account from the Statutes. that no one get one any fish except some in the Estuaries of the Restigouche as Mr Stewart. told me and give the means to protect fish in (Close Season).

No close season Kept in Georgian Bay. Bay nor Lake Huron, last November. -

Here I have given most reliable Authority. Wales and I. - and the Hazeldale or add the white Rods: and the matter rests there. Wales and I. - and my property. - the purloined property on the Restigouche. -

Hamilton Ont. 18. July 1880.

Yours respectfully. -
John W. Kerr. -
J. P.

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Messrs: Jos. S. Bennet Esqrs.
Fisheries Department.-
Ottawa!- Ont.-

Now Prepare yourself for a great surprise! the most unaccountable that has ever come across me...

Your Fishery Overseer of the Goderich Division of Lake Huron, between Point Clarke and Kettle Point is become a defaulter To The Fisheries Department. Ottawa to the extent in Cash. as License fees.- for year 1887. which he collected to the full amount and extent of $775.00 cts. and not a single cts. forthcoming...

I am grieved to be compelled to tell and repeat to you Overseer Alexander C. McKinnon's own story of the transaction.-

McKinnon stated to me in Mrs Turner's Hotel at Riverton.- on the 7th inst. that he collected $740.- of the $790.- fishery license fees for his Goderich of Lake Huron- for year 1887.- and the only cent that his

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1740.- in Doctors Bills,- and in supporting and maintaining his family of nine persons in number...

In addition to the statements I have already sent you- I advised him on the subject, and as he speaks highly of you as compared to the late Commissioner of Fisheries... He has since thrown himself on your clemency.- as per letter addressed to me, dated Riverton, 10th February 1888.- admitting his guilt and asking me to plead with you for him- so that he and his family may not be disgraced... This letter I received from McKinnon on the 13th inst.- and I also received a second letter from him dated the 10th inst. admitting that he had collected $35.- more from the following seven fishermen,- $5. license fee, from each! and had used up this amount, $35.- also! he admitted this I presume, because he had his suspicions I would find it all out on investigation myself.- Viz:

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1. David Kennedy. Beauport. For a Licence. - for year 1897. - $ 5.00 cts.
2. Henry Green, - do. - do. - ... 5.00 cts.
3. Mrs. Mary Gill. - do. - do. - ... 5.00 cts.
4. Joseph Gill. - do. - do. - ... 5.00 cts.
5. Peter Cavell. - do. - do. - ... 5.00 cts.
6. Joseph Cannon, do. - do. - ... 5.00 cts.
7. John Bell, - do. - do. - " 5.00 cts.

Total - $ 35.00 cts.

And thus you will give how matters are to astonish you - but I must candidly tell you - I feel sorry for the poor man in his downfall. - -

On receipt of your telegraph to return to Quebec, - and endeavour to get security from A. B. McKinnon - P.O. - Fermé Division of Lake Huron - for $775. the property of the Fisheries department. Ottawa :- I proceeded again to Kincardine, and A. B. McKinnon P.O. and I got together :- I talked plain common sense to him, and I said surely you must have withheld from me something else, -

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"in connection with this business - out with it all! and then it was; "This was on the 14th instant." - McKinnon, admitted thus: -

"I may say to you that when I made "my collection of the Bounds at Hot, Licence money - "at Kettle Point, and was returning home". - I "went in to a Hotel near Grand Bend, "Lake Huron and had a drink of liquor, a "thing that I am not in the habit of taking "the liquor was drugged and when I recov- "ered from its effects about $ 400. - Licence "fees had been taken from my pocket, and "I could do nothing in recovering it". -

Now you have all before you! $ 400. was stolen and $ 375. he has improperly spent. - Such is the unfortunate position in which I found A. B. McKinnon. P.O. - on the 16, and 17th instant at Kincardine - without a solitary friend to go his security or help him out of his mis- fortune, - He says he is the owner of 3 acres of land with 70. bearing apple and plum trees, a House, - with stable and out house at- tached, worth $ 600. - this he proposes to as- sign to you, for the Department. -

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We have a Bill against the Fisheries department — for some stamps the Department is in his debt, at his request I have supplied him with blanks — on which he make his affidavit, and when I get it from him will send it to you. — Please mail for this affidavit of his before you give your decision. — I would recommend you to take the Deputy Registrar. His bond ending of A. G. Mc Lennan. Esq. after nearly 16 years services. —

All of which is most respectfully submitted. —

Yours Obediently —
John Wilson —
Deputy Comr.

Hamilton. Ont. —
18. February 1886. —

P.S.

I deeply regret at my utter want of success in this case. —

Yrs John Wilson
D.C.

Dr. A: McLennan Esq.
Fishery Overseer,
Kingston, —
Ont. —

Printed Papers! —

Published on 19th Feb.

Sir

Sireton 14th February 1888.

J. W. Kerr Esq
Fishery Officer
Hamilton Ont.

Dear Sir. With reference to my letter to you of the 10th Instant, I may say to you that when I made my collection of the Pound net Licence Money, at Kettle Point, and was returning home I went into a Hotel near Grand Bend, and had a drink of Liquor, a thing that I am not in the habit of taking the Liquor was drugged, and when I recovered from its effects, about $400 Licence fee had been taken from my pocket and I could do nothing in recovering it.

I will assign to Mr Barnet for the Fishery department my house and property on Lot 14 - 11th con of the Township of Kincardine free of encumbrance, that is to say 3 acres of land with 10 bearing apple and plum trees, and a good stable and all lanes stacked.

And if the department will be pleased to grant me enclosed bill, which I hope the department will consider me entitled to, you take that amount and pay it back to the Department for me, to assist towards getting rid of debt.

I have the honour to be Sir,
your Obedient servant

A. C. McKinnon
Sireton
Ontario

P. S

on your advising me I will get J. H. Scott of Kincardine Barrister to draw out the Assignment and forward the same to you
A. C. McKinnon

My dear friend Mr Emery! —

I have to apologise for not answering your last letter sooner. — Fact is! the week before last I was at Goderich - Kincardine, Teviotdale, and Bayfield. — on Lake Huron. — driving from Monday 6th to the 10th inst. with the 16th below Zero! — and last week from Thursday this Saturday! —

The Jail at the Counties has collected $775. — for licenses fees, during the year 1897. and he has applied it all to his own special use. —

Before I went up there, I had the chance of seeing D: Sharp, — and it was arranged that you and Henry Brown were to get a license for 4 Pounds in his Division - this year, when the time arrives - dont fail to apply. — Sharp told me Henry - had been to him and he promised to recommend him for 4 pounds! — Keep this to yourself.

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There is some likelihood of my having Houghton - Walsingham and Long Point. — under my own immediate control, - dont say so to any one. — About the week fifth - I came next door to faint[illegible]ing - frequently - but never went so far. — One day at Hamilton Station G. T. Ry - station - I became so weak, and I lost my hearing for nearly an hour, I got all right again! there is a buzzing in my left Ear - ever since. — — —

Well I may tell you the aching of my arms - shoulders and back is most disagreeable morning and evening, and I have had one of my daughters to wash them in with hot water, — it has not broken out yet!! — I had a letter from P. Jackson, asking me to recommend him for a license at Long point; what Aldermen joked; I cannot do it, no double dealing any more for me. — Had a letter from Brown and Lindsay, — on yesterday wanting their license - to be from the next Sat at Ch

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Burwell - Harbour up the Lake to ——
They must keep away from the Harbour. —

How about yourself, Mrs Emery and my special friends - your son and daughters. As soon as the weather moderates - you may expect me! in the mean time kindly remember me to those kind dear friends of Mrs Kerr and family - are such. —

It is a very unpleasant thing for me to come in contact with an Overseer who gets rid of $775 - of Government funds. — I feel quite well this evening - but I may tell you I had to take a dose of Medicine last night - 2 pills - and it has been in operation all day, - dont allow Harry - to say aught to Sharp - about any thing. — And now in conclusion, with my warm regards to your noble self. — Believe me - as usual: —

Hamilton, Ont. } Yours Sincerely. —
19. Feb: 1888. } John Hill Kerr. - F.C. -

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Dear Sir,

Please send me a Sample of Pressed Hay, as per Sample sent by Mr. Kerr, Fisheries, Canada.

Yours truly,

Hamilton, Ont.
23. Feb: 1888.

Hamilton

Mess!- Jos S. O. Bauset Esqre. III.
Fisheries Department -
Ottawa, Ont. -

I send you the Statistic Return for the Goderich Division of Lake Huron, for the year 1887,- which your order of the 30th III, January last instructed me to get up. -

I have no report nor remark to make - up; - that there is an increase of $59.61 c. - for year 1887,- over the previous year. -

McKinnon III furnished me with returns - that enabled me to ex ope some of the cold comfort - that 2 drives of 60 miles each - along near the Lake imposed upon me. -

I wrapped myself well up - and although 16. below Zero - was cold; I got home pretty safe! I may say "little the worse of the wear." - Goderich is 106 miles, from Hamilton, while Kincardine is 144 miles. -

You have of course as a matter of fact only McKinnons story of how the $775.00 c. disappe / except Jim Clarke no one

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knew my business. - - -

I sent McKinnon III - blanks - so that he may make out his claims - that he states - he has against the Department, - - It is strange he never made any fuss - when he lost the $. 40 c. if authorised by you to enquire outside - I might find out where the money is gone. - My impression is you will never get a c. of it. - Poor man, I wonder what came over him. - Well I will not say any more, if the Deputy promised McKinnon III promotion - he should have kept his word. No Gentleman ever breaks his word, and you as well as I know that. - No. upright man, cares a damn for a man who breaks his word and neither do I. -

McKinnon complained of Merrick, the ex-M. P. - dragging him over the country, so as to get something from him to put in his report. - I pity the man - if poverty has compelled him to steal. - Death before dishonour! - Yours respectfully. - - -

Hamilton! —
23. February 1888. —

My dear Sharp!

Yours received. every man who spears should pay one dollar each. — No matter who is the owner of the House — He can admit any man into his House to spear, provided the man like himself has a license also! and not otherwise. — Fine every man who spears and does not pay you $1.00 ct. for the privilege. — I have been away on Lake Huron, for a fortnight, I send your return today. — Sign it at the top where I pencil marked — put it in an official envelope and mail. I will get out a report for you on to-morrow, you can sign and mail it afterwards. — I have been very busy. —

With warm regards! Yours. Ft.

David Sharp Esqre. — Dr. W. Kerr. —
M.P. — F.O.

Hamilton. Ont. —
23. Feb: 1888. —

My dear Friend & Brother! —

Will you be pleased to find the duplicates you require herewith. — Some delay and trouble the Montreal Bank here! — They are however very obliging. — I intended to have written you a long letter about poor McKinnon — but must defer it, as I am very busy. — Please give my warm regards and respects — to my friend Mr. Barnet! — and with my personal regards to yourself. —

Believe me! Yours fraternally. —

Dr. W. Kerr. —
F.O. —

James S. Webster Esqre. —
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa! Ont. —

P.S. My health is improving. I am 30 lbs. lighter than I was this time 12 months ago when you saw me last — Kerr. —

Toronto, ... 24. ... 1888.-

Sir,

I have the receipt of yours of the 9th inst. herein with 12, Licenses during the year 1887. amounting in fees for the County of Elgin Division of Lake Erie, to $2100.-

I beg to report that I received $3, Licenses for Lake Erie, during that year, making up the $2105.- And off this amount up to date I have paid in to the Department $2.005 leaving a balance due of $1.000 - - -

With regard to the $110. you bring me in debt to the Fisheries department. The account stands thus:- By 13 Licenses received for year 1887,- $2.105.00 amount.

By fines collected up to this date and now sent the Department. - - - $ 2.005.00

Leaving balance due! - - - $.100.00

Mr. - By amount due by Dan: Lang. to be paid before he commences to fish.- this year!- $40.00

By cash due by Dan: Patterson - da - 10.00 = 50.00

By Pattersons - license returned to the fisheries department on 18th of January last, - only 2. Pounds - fished! - $.50.00 $100.00.

I ... a letter from Mr. Lang on last Thursday, promising to pay $40.- due for his 3rd Pound. -

In the mean time I send you now Bank draft No: 342. for $10.- for Mr. Lang! so that the account actually stands for Elgin Division of Lake Erie, for year 1887.- as I give it to you above. - -

Respectfully Submitted. -

The Deputy Minister, ... -

Department of Fisheries, ...

Port Ryerse, Ont. —
10. February 1888. —

Sir. —

In submitting for your information, perusal, and consideration the Statistics of the Norfolk Division of Lake Erie; we have the report that the annual return, represents an increase during the year 1887, - over the previous year of 7.428.55 ℔. — This is to be attributed to an increase of Licenses issued during the past year, in Seines and Pound Nets, &c. - and consequently of an increase of 46 seine fishing, and an increase of fish caught under all the different clauses and divisions as per annual Return. — As no significant change will be in this report as above. — —

Fishing has been steadily carried on during the past year in the Norfold Division. —

With reference to the "Close season" for Bass, Pickerel and Muskinonge; we have to report, That where it terminates in the Inner Bay, - Lake Erie, of Turkey point. - We beg to report that no more seine fishing should be allowed therein, before the 1st September following, because it frequently happens, and it is customary for fishermen there, when the 15th April arrives, to go right on seine fishing, - hauling out Bags on loads of spawn, leaving it on the Beach to rot, and perish; whereas if seine fishing stopped until 1st September, this spawn, not being disturbed would mature and hatch out and increase these different kinds of fish more abundantly. —

This is a matter in which we are steadfast in protecting the fish in the Inner Bay - of Turkey point, Lake Erie in connection with the valuable fisheries of Long Point, thus as it were setting apart, these valuable places for the natural propagation of fish, —

To the Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries, —
Ottawa. —

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for which these places are so admirably suited ....

The Long point company — and the Turkey point company are desirous to have this carried out by the Department .. We recommend it for your consideration ..

Then we have to report that it will be necessary to be more strict in future with the Pound Nets fishing .. Fishermen during the month of June when the run of sucker fish is on, should be admonished .. to procure these valuable fish by a peremptory order from you ... Dead fish thrown from the Pound Nets in to Lake Erie to float about, polluting the waters has to be stopped! and stamped out this year ..

In conclusion we have to report that there is good reason to believe, that certain persons residing in Walpole and Rainham last November, during "close season" caught white fish in contravention of the fisheries act, and that we shall prosecute them for the offences they have committed ...

All of which is respectfully Submitted ...

Fishery Overseer. Wm. Ryerse.
" " John W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.

Hamilton! Ont. —
24.— February 1888.

My dear Sharp! —

I send you annual report as I promised you on yesterday. —
Please sign above my name — where I have marked it thus ✕! and thus officially. —
It will not detract from you any thing to have my name under yours in your annual report. bearing witness as it were to what has been done so correctly — and well during the past year.. This report I hope will please you.. With Dr. Woodruff to do, I have not had time yet to make up my own reports — With Kind regards believe me as usual. —

Yours Sincerely. — —
John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

D. Sharp Esqre
M. P.

Hamilton! Ont.-
24. February 1888.

My dear Mr McKinnon!-

Since my return home- and I reported further to Mr S.P.- Bawset Fisheries department. Ottawa! the state of progress in your case!- In reply I received the following telegraph from him which I furnish you with. - -

Copy!-

"Do you think five hundred dollars could be raised by Mortgaging property.- if this was done I might recommend some arrangement about the balance?" - - -

I have not yet replied to this telegraph of Mr Bawsets- waiting so that you may think the matter over fully over yourself. - I would recommend you to see Mr Scott of Kincardine. tell him every thing. and consult him what is best for you to do in the premises- and be guided by his advice!- Mr Bawset it seems is friendly towards you.-

From the conversation you and I had.- $500,- would be out of the question.- $300.- might be nearer the mark.

In sending me your accounts- after you have first seen Mr Scott your Solicitor at Kincardine- let me at once know what you propose doing, and I will lay the matter as favourable as I can before Mr Bawset.-

I got home here all right. - - - on Saturday at 12.30.- p.m- my shattered health. not affected by this last trip.- I made out your return and sent it to the Department.- There is an increase of $56.- for year 1887.- over the previous year.- God direct you!- with my warm regards.- -

A. C. McKinnon Esq. Yours Sincerely.-
Tiverton Ont. 2. H. Wilkes- P.O.-

Sandusky, Ohio.
10. January 1888.

Sir, --

I Have the honor to submit for your inspection my annual Return as Statistics of the Lake Erie Division of Lake Erie for the year 1887. --

There is a final increase over the previous catch of last year of 17,376.95 lbs. --

All things have gone on smoothly in this Division during the past year, nothing to mar the harmony that should at all times govern an intelligent Loyal body of Fishermen. ---

It was alleged by five of the Canada Act Fishermen at Port Stanley for catching small White Fish, and selling them to the London dealers, who were also fined last summer. -- This will have the desired effect of stopping such careless mode of fishing in future. ---

During the run of small white fish in the month of June, I had it in contemplation to have your attention to this matter & to the use of nets officially from which obnoxious fish when making their annual summer tour of Lake Erie. -- x x Note.

I will however endeavour to arrange this matter in a manner and the fishermen myself this year, ---------- not trouble the Department. ---

Loss and damage has been done this year chiefly to Canada Fishermen by severe storms and damages which on the whole the season has been a fair and successful one, nearly

Fish caught in this Division are sold to the Fish dealers in Buffalo, and other United States Cities and Markets. --

Except $ 50.- There is nothing on hand in this Division

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

x Note. I did not get John Gaskin's return.

of $ 1.00 per acre during the year just ended on the Long Point ... This amount will be paid to the Department before fishing commences again during the approaching spring.-

In connection with the Lessee Fishing Co. of the Long Point Company, Lake Erie, Mr. Samuel D. Woodruff, President of the Turkey Point Company, Lake Erie, Colonel Denis Sinclair, M.P. of Chicago and a Director of the Companies, and Mr. Harry Groff during last summer and since interviews took place between us, and it is the desire of those Gentlemen who, during many years past have taken an interest in the Fisheries of Long Point, and Turkey point, Lake Erie.- Long Point fisheries being held by that Company under a 9 years Lease", should be exclusively set apart for fish breeding.-- And the Turkey Point Company, under Mr. Samuel D. Woodruff, Colonel D. Sinclair, M.P. and Mr. Harry Groff, have repeatedly talked this matter with me, during the past and previous years.---

I blame now the hour to lay this matter fairly and squarely before you with this object in view.-- And I strongly recommend the same for your consideration and adoption.-

Mr. D. Sharp, the bona fide Lessee Owner at Turkey point, and myself are in accord on this same subject.-- See joint report thereon, dated the 10th instant, sent the Department.---

A Reserve of this nature is very much required on Lake Erie - and no place is so well fitted for such a purpose as the fisheries of Long point isolated in Lake Erie. Leased to a Company, who dont intend to fish them.—

I have to report in conclusion, that Alex. Wilson Church of Tyrconnell, and Alex. David Patterson, New Glasgow, Pound Net fishermen Lake Erie have set out their Pound Nets, and fishing gear. ... Their places will be taken in due time this year by old fishermen from the more central part of Lake Erie. ...

All of which is respectfully submitted.—

J. W. Wilkie
Fishery Overseer.—
Hamilton, Ont.—

Hamilton, Ont.
Feb. 11th 1888.

Alex. Pattison Esq.
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton.

Dear Sir,

In relation to your letter of the 10th inst. asking information as to the number of Pound Nets fished on the Canadian waters of Lake Erie during the season of 1887, and further asking what it will be necessary for you to do in arranging this business for the coming season, I beg to say that I am prepared to issue licenses for each pound fished, as I have had responsible application for Fisheries Overseers for this purpose. In the meantime you will receive application forms for the purpose, which you will please fill out and return to me. After you have received the applications and examined the nets, if you are satisfied that they are all right, you will issue the licenses. Each pound fished will require a license, for which the fee is $10.00. Each license will be numbered, and the number must be painted on the buoy of the net. Any person fishing without a license will be liable to a penalty of $20.00 for each offence. Any person fishing with a net not numbered will be liable to a penalty of $10.00 for each offence. Any person fishing with a net not numbered will be liable to a penalty of $10.00 for each offence.

Yours truly,
D. Pattison
Fishery Overseer

Hamilton! Ont.—
25. February/ 1888.—

Sir,—

With reference to your letter to me of the 20th instant regarding #5.— I sent you in my letter of 13th instant, as Receipt thereon fee paid me by Mr. Robert Clarke— for fishing in Lake Huron, fronting on Goderich,— and in Lake Superior during the past year!— I have to report that when after a drive of 50 miles, I got hold of Mr. A. C. McKinnon, your fishery Overseer, Goderich, Lake Huron, at Tiverton,— and having a list of Pound Net fishermen— I got from Mr. Barnet with license fees therein amounting to #790.— (in enquiring (being authorized to do so?) finding that McKinnon had collected #740, of this amount, I asked him for the money when he informed me that he had spent it all for Doctors Bills,— sickness being in his family— and being sick himself, and on his large family 9 in number.— I then enquired if he had collected any other money for license fees,— McKinnon replied he had collected #35.— more from the fishermen at Bosanquet, I asked him for it, his answer was! I spent it also along with the rest,— say #775, altogether. I then asked McKinnon, if there were any fishermen, who fished in his Division! who had not paid him!— McKinnon then told me, that Robert Clarke, John Morrison and Adam Murray,— of Goderich, had fished early in the season of 1887,— in Lake Huron— fronting on the Town of Goderich, that later on in the season, these 3 fishermen went to Lake Superior, and fished there for the balance of the year 1887.— Then it was when getting the Statistics from these 3 fishermen, I got #5.— from Mr. James Clarke,— license fee for his brother Robert, for year 1887.— I also went to Bayfield, saw John Ferguson & other fishermen there, to whom McKinnon referred me, as owing license fees for 1887.— they said they'd from McKinnon, and I got the Statistics as ordered by the Deputy.

The Deputy Minister
Department of Fisheries.
—Ottawa!—

Respectfully Submitted.—
J. Hall Kerr— Fishery —

Mem:— For L. P. Bowset Esq[re]
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa! Ont.—

I send you — few words of a report today on the Lagin Division. — —

I finished up and sent Sharp his Annual Statistics two days ago and his report on yesterday. —

I communicated the greater part of your Instructions to A. C. Mc Kinnon. P.O. — and I advised him to go and consult his Solicitor — at Kincardine. — I expect a letter from him soon. — — Three Hundred dollars might be got on Mortgage on Mc Kinnons House and 3 — Acres. —

The way he acted in squandering 775. Licenses fees is a mystery to me. —

As regards an Assignment it would not amount to a — a Mortgage on the property — when the proper time arrives I must have for you. —

I send you a reply to a letter I got from the Deputy about 75 Licenses for. I got at Goderich recently. — he does not like Mc Kinnon. to sign the licenses! poor man. he has disgraced himself and family so far as I can see! — with poor prospect of being in a position to pay back to the F. department 775. —

James Clarke — of Wiarton — during the fishing season: at present of Goderich — told me recently in that Town. that last October — every fisherman on Lake Huron and Georgian Bay fished and caught fish during close season! —

I expect daily a letter from A. C. Mc Kinnon — and the account; and perhaps the Mortgage — I have gone in heavy for it — Mr Scott. the Lawyer at Kincardine is a friend of the Government. — Mc Kinnon will see him in his misfortune. and I hope take his advice. —

With my warm regards. —

Yours respectfully.
John Wilkinson —

Hamilton! Ont. —
25. Feb: 1882.

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Confidential !!. — and strictly/-
Private ! On the square — //.

David Carter Esq. M.P.
Hamilton, Ont. — —

My dear Brother Porter !— 27. February 1888.—

Your Kind favour of the 24th inst. of January was duly received by me— and at the time I got it!— I wrote my friend in the Department at Ottawa, for you thus:

Messrs. David Porter and Co. of Wiarton, a great political friend of Mr. McLeods. M.P.— to whom he is in a great measure indebted for his last Election, and Dan McLeod of Saugeen, have purchased a Tug from Jim Clark and McKay— and with Boats and and Nets are going to the Bustards this year: they are both right good fellows:— I send you a letter I got from Porter lately for your perusal; you will see what he says about Davis of Detroit. Ve. V. V.

In answer to this. I got the following;
"As to McLeod. you might tell him F.G.M. Fraser is the local Fishery Officer for the "division". That he resides at Victoria "Harbour, and the best thing he (Porter. D.) could "do, would be to send his money with his "application?? — —

Now you have it all and act on this advice accordingly. —

You should have had this advice some time ago, but I was away for 2 weeks at Goderich — Kincardine. Tiverton and Bayfield: and very busy times. — — —

Except McLeod. tells no one else. — Go, or send to Fraser at once !!!.

Some time you are at leisure I want you in your capacity as Contractor, and first class Mechanic to give me a certificate on that Fish ladder at Gordons Mills," Saugeen River. — It appears Sam: tried to Wilmot in a report he made last year, condemned it! I want your views on the subject, as a genuine practical man. — Let me know the result of your application. — With my warm and fraternal regards. — Yours Sincerely.

D. E. Wilmot. M.D.

Hamilton! Ont.—
18. February 1888.—

Sir,—

In submitting to you my Annual Report, and returns of Statistics of the Hamilton Division of Lakes Erie and Ontario: and the Niagara River, for the year ending 31st inst. of December 1887.— You will please find a great change has taken place in the catch and take of White fish and Salmon Trout in Lake Ontario of my division: whilst Providence has endowed us with a great abundance of Herring and Ciscos,— the latter of a magnificent size. weighing 3 pounds each:— as it were to fill their place and keep up a creditable appearance in the catch of these fish so highly acceptable, when smoked, to the people and the public of Ontario.——

White fish and Salmon Trout have not been fished for, to any extent in my Division of Lake Ontario, for 3 or 4. years past, hence the falling-off.—— Whilst the catch and take of Cisco and Herring have increased.—— Bronte fishermen and Burlington Beach fishermen have taken a prominent lead in the catch. Take and trade of these fish above their fellows: and they deserve highly from the public, and well I hope from the department of fisheries. for catching so successfully as they have done.— * * *

I would strongly advise and recommend that a "Close Season", for Ciscos. be established by your order, between the 1st inst. of January, and the 1st inst. March, in each year; when it will be illegal to catch these fish or for any person to have them in their possession.——

The risk in fishing for Ciscos during January and February, results in too much loss in material & nets as

The Deputy Minister.
Department of Fisheries.—
—Ottawa! Ont.

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weeks elapse, when fishermen cannot venture out on the
fish up here the loss in fish is then very great — because they would
are polluted with dead decaying fish. —
I recommend that you will at once be pleased
to take this matter into your consideration. — — —

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3 years ago come June the 1st/11th of May next,
I recommend that no seine fishing of any kind
be permitted on the seine hauling grounds in Lake
Ontario, on Burlington Beach. — —
Applying for licenses to seine fish — and then re-
fusing to take the licenses and pay for them, — and —
punishes me for to make and submit this applic-
ation for your consideration. — — —

In Lake Erie, between the mouth of the Grand River,
and down to Port Erie and the Niagara River. to
the Falls. — I find a decrease in the catch of fish
during the past year to the extent of $5.827.50¢. —
Severe storms have done irreparable loss and
damage to Pound Nets and gill nets and Boats. — —
J. W. Ramsays two Pounds - fishing in Lake Erie, ear-
ly in the season were blown out and torn to pieces
and his Boat Broken to pieces. this happened at
Low Banks — I went there and saw the wreck. — —
Ramsay left all there behind him and went
back again to Buffalo. —
The two people who with Lift Ups — caught 1,000,000.
pounds of fish last January. February and March. a
year ago would help this decrease also. — —
A great many of these Lift Up fishermen make
from 3. to 5. a day — at this kind of fishing. — —
Our fishermen at Ridgeway — go away out on the
Ice — Lake Erie, and buy their fish. Buffalo gets and sells.

ھیں۔ ڈیڑھ گھنٹہ بعد ہوا کھانے کی ٹوکری آئی۔ ٹوکری میں ۲ مرغ بریان، ۲ مرغ مسلم، ۲ مرغ پلاؤ، ۲ مرغ زرد، ۲ مرغ قلیہ، ۲ مرغ فرنی، ۲ مرغ حلوا، ۲ مرغ ماہی، ۲ مرغ کباب، ۲ مرغ سالن، ۲ مرغ دوپیازہ، ۲ مرغ شوربا، ۲ مرغ نرگسی، ۲ مرغ شاہی، ۲ مرغ ترکی، ۲ مرغ ہندی، ۲ مرغ ولایتی، ۲ مرغ دیسی، ۲ مرغ جنگلی، ۲ مرغ آبی، ۲ مرغ صحرائی، ۲ مرغ کوہی، ۲ مرغ باغی، ۲ مرغ چمنی، ۲ مرغ خانگی، ۲ مرغ وحشی، ۲ مرغ اہلی، ۲ مرغ بیابانی، ۲ مرغ شکاری، ۲ مرغ پالتو، ۲ مرغ آزاد، ۲ مرغ قید، ۲ مرغ رہا، ۲ مرغ گرفتار، ۲ مرغ ذبح، ۲ مرغ زندہ، ۲ مرغ مردہ، ۲ مرغ بسمل، ۲ مرغ تڑپتا، ۲ مرغ ٹھنڈا، ۲ مرغ گرم، ۲ مرغ تازہ، ۲ مرغ باسی، ۲ مرغ خشک، ۲ مرغ تر، ۲ مرغ نمکین، ۲ مرغ میٹھا، ۲ مرغ ترش، ۲ مرغ شیریں، ۲ مرغ تلخ، ۲ مرغ ترش و شیریں، ۲ مرغ نمک و مرچ، ۲ مرغ ہلدی و دھنیا، ۲ مرغ زیرہ و سونف، ۲ مرغ الائچی و دارچینی، ۲ مرغ لونگ و جائفل، ۲ مرغ جاوتری و کیوڑہ، ۲ مرغ گلاب و عرق، ۲ مرغ بید مشک و عنبر، ۲ مرغ کافور و صندل، ۲ مرغ عود و لوبان، ۲ مرغ اگر و تگر، ۲ مرغ زعفران و کیسر، ۲ مرغ ورق نقرہ و طلا، ۲ مرغ چاندی و سونا، ۲ مرغ روپیہ و اشرفی، ۲ مرغ دام و درم، ۲ مرغ فلوس و پیسہ، ۲ مرغ کوڑی و دمڑی، ۲ مرغ ٹکا و آنہ، ۲ مرغ چونی و اٹھنی، ۲ مرغ روپیہ و پیسہ، ۲ مرغ اشرفی و کوڑی، ۲ مرغ ٹکا و دمڑی، ۲ مرغ آنہ و پائی، ۲ مرغ چونی و ٹکا، ۲ مرغ اٹھنی و روپیہ، ۲ مرغ روپیہ و اشرفی، ۲ مرغ اشرفی و روپیہ، ۲ مرغ روپیہ و ٹکا، ۲ مرغ ٹکا و آنہ، ۲ مرغ آنہ و پائی، ۲ مرغ پائی و دمڑی، ۲ مرغ دمڑی و کوڑی، ۲ مرغ کوڑی و پیسہ، ۲ مرغ پیسہ و فلوس، ۲ مرغ فلوس و دام، ۲ مرغ دام و درم، ۲ مرغ درم و دینار، ۲ مرغ دینار

Fish Breeding! —

If we were as successful in Fish Breeding, and had Salmon Trout, and White Fish in abundance: such as the Salmon in the Restigouche have become after six years planting and Stocking with Fry, no one would complain. — But Fishermen and Fish dealers who have followed their occupation on our Lakes and in our Cities, ever since Mr Samuel Wilmot and his son commenced Fish Breeding, are very much dissatisfied because the Millions of Eggs - laid down in the Hatcheries annually - and hatched out yearly as they say, and have seen in the Messrs Wilmots annual Reports - have not yet placed a single Fish in their Nets. . . . — And they say - and not without good reason, that they yearly catch of our choice White fish and Salmon Trout have diminished. — And this with prove report has it, that due attention and care has not been sufficiently given to this Branch of the Fisheries department. —

As the Oldest Fishery officer in the Province of Ontario, I have been asked to draw your attention to this matter and lay it before you. —

I find notwithstanding the falling away in the catch of fish in Lake Erie; on the whole there is an increase of $7.658.50 ¢ - during the past year, over the previous year: which I hope you will consider satisfactory - for the Hamilton Division. — —

Respectfully Submitted. —

John W. Kerr —

Fishery Overseer,

Hamilton, Ont. —

Hamilton! Ont.—
28. February/1888.—

My dear Sir!—

Yours received my address is, get up a Petition To The Honorable, The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—Ottawa; Get it numerous. ly signed and get Mr Thornton—to sign it,— —& when this is done let me have it, and I will send the Fisheries Department— Ottawa;— then your Member,—Mr Luther— Laird and I will address him what course to pursue in the premises. — — —

Get the Post Master—The Registrar, and every other prominent person in Woodstock, to sign the Petition And then let me have it.—

Believe me with due Respect.—

Yours Respectfully,—

John Wilkes—
Fishery Overseer.

L: H: Swan Esqre
M: D: Medical Hons and
Sanitarium—

James Larose Esqre Hamilton!—Ont.—
The Road Inspector!! 28. February/1888.—

My friend Jimmy.— —

Yours received, I cannot see any thing to prevent your from being walked by the Squire—John McCuishead Esqre—Blenheim, Ont.—go at once, and see him, he will jug the price, of 5— should be enough, leave it all to the Squire!— — He will never remove you off your ground.— — —

And you can go and see the Squire—and tell him I said so;— I am glad to hear you are all well; Kindly remember me to your wife and family.— I think I will come up and see you all next summer.—

I know Mrs and Mr Wood.— They are decent good people, they will not do any thing but remember that I say so: Mrs Wood is a respectable North of Ireland woman.—

With my warm regards for your welfare;— and prosperity,— Believe me,—

Yours Sincerely,—

John Wilkes—F.O.—

Hamilton! Ont. —
28. February 1888.—

My dear Frank, —

Yours of the 6th instant, received. — What you ask for cannot be now granted: because it is intended to set apart the Fisheries of Long point, for Breeding purposes. — — Unless you can better your position with some one else: — I advise you to hold on with Mr. L. J. Tibbs: and when you get your license this year, don't crowd Mr. Jas. Lucas. Lucas stays, — for close, on the Raybaun side of Houghton — give them the same distance in Houghton, between your first Ground, and the Town Line: that they have always kept away from Mr. Burnett Hudson.

I hope Mrs. Jackson and you are in the enjoyment of good Health! Kindly Remember me. — — —

I have been away during this month at Goderich, Kincardine, &c. on Lake Huron — hence the reason why your letter was not sooner answered. —

Believe me as usual. — — —

Yours truly. —

H. Whitton —

M.P.

Private

Peter Price Esqr. Hamilton! Ont. —
28. February 1888. —

My dear Peter! —

I had a Mr. recently from our friend! Mr. Burnett!! — he says: —

"I have passed
"Peter Prices account, because you certified it,
"but for a man of his worth and size 4.
"75. and 5 50/100 a day are rather stiff charges,
"and he had better not repeat them too
"often."

Mr. Burnett forgot that your son Wm. was included in these Jaunty charges, however, don't notice it present only Keep down expenses. — — I want you to send me 72, good Bass, speared in front of Cayuga Creek, — 6, — to be very choice ones. — I want to send to Ottawa! — Do you ever get a Muskinonge! why dont you send me one. — — —

This year I hope to spend some time with you over Long Point. — —

My warm regards — Peter my friend!! to you, and yours. — — Yours Truly — H. Whitton —

M.P. —

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[illegible] L. P. Bowlet Esqre
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa! — Ont. —

Yours received! why my dear friend I [illegible] anything and everything you wish [illegible] do, to help poor Mr Kinnon out of the [illegible] he has got himself into: besides it is so disgraceful. — I expect to hear from him daily; he lives 5 miles away from the Office of Tiverton: and besides Mr Kinnon [illegible] me that through some Postal arrangements recently made, there is 3 days delay in the arrival and forwarding of the Mails to Tiverton Office. — [illegible] depend upon me manage for [illegible] your confidence and [illegible] entirely in me, now command [illegible] your servant .....

I did not like to make enquiries about his drinking habits. I can do this when I go back [illegible] next time: — He asked me twice to drink, once at Tiverton and once at Kincardine which [illegible] in cases of this kind, I have invariably made it a rule of my life: never to drink. — A brother-in-law of Mr Wm Campbell of Craigleston — Lives [illegible] Owen, whom you know very well! — who was killed a couple of years ago by a Horse running away with him; lives in Kincardine, and he is a particular friend of mine and will tell me all about Mr Kinnon, but the Mortgage and the Money as far as it goes on the House, Stable and the Acres of land must be obtained first and foremost, there is no incumbrance on it whatever. — —

It is 15 miles from where Mr Kinnon lives to Kincardine and if he has taken my advice why it will take him some time to get over the ground! — Now let me have your further instructions in the case. — — —

Yours Faithfully, —
Hamilton. Ont. — J. Phillips —
29. February 1888. — Fishery Overseer.

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It is a sad disgrace he inflicted on the Department! I'll do my part to get all O.K again.

Messrs Andrews & Braun, Barrister, Burwash, Ont. — Hamilton! Ont. — 28. February 1888.

My Friends! —

Your Kind favour received I have no power to admit you nearer to Burwash Harbour, than where you usually set your first pound! my advice is to continue with your lot as you usually are! — if any room between you and Mr. Bruce fishermen — why move a little west. —

Whenever you send in your application to me for the fish 5 Pound nets — during this current year year! send the money along, and I will recommend that you get a license to fish 5 Pounds, during this current year. — I have been recently away on Lake Huron, — for 2 weeks — or would have received sooner. — I hope you are all well — my warm regards — and fraternal friendship. —

And believe me! Yours Sincerely, —

John W. Kerr —

Fishery Overseer.

P.S. Bates Esq. Hamilton! Ont. —

My dear Sir, — 28. February 1888. —

Yours received, make your application to John McMichael Esq. Fishery Overseer, Blenheim, — and hand him at the same time $50. — license fee — and ask him to send them to the Fisheries department. Ottawa — for a Net license, and ask him to recommend you.

I am not aware of anything to prevent you getting this license! — Only when you get it, dont catch small white — in June — or whenever they run — and dont send them any more to the Fish dealers London, Ont. —

Kindly remember me to Mrs Bates — and to my friend John McMichael Esq. I spent nearly 2 weeks, this month recently at Kincardine, Goderich, V. V. V. Lower down V.

I got a dreadful fall last Christmas day — a year ago. I broke the sinews and tendons of right knee — I expect however to be well next Summer. — It has pulled me down in flesh and appearance. — Yours Sincerely, —

John W. Kerr. &c.

Confidential.

Hamilton! Ont.—

2nd March 1888.—

My dear Colonel Tisdale!—

With reference to the conversation you and I had at Hamilton Railway Station some time ago regarding Long Point Fisheries being set apart for Breeding purposes.— I spoke Mr. S.P. Bausett, Fisheries Department at the time and he seemed to entertain the scheme favorably. I also communicated to him the views expressed by you and the President of the Long Point Co. by— to have the Legislature & Dominion as far as Long Point do—not I might have had two days and years of the that all received favourable.— You will know the course to pursue! by going to Boards Office asking to see Long Point return and report for 1887,— made out by me for Peter!— Also. Norfolk Annual return and report— sent The Department for year 1887 — having these reports— you

... know for I have ... most of your views — is that of the ... of the Long Point Company — in the matter of Fish Breeding at Long Point. Take Sir. Sir Major Gibbon. The ... Minister as soon as you see what the reports I ... for you to contain.— The reports and returns for years 1887 — are in most ... insisting so that you will know and ... what I have said and done.— We are all friends!! you can talk up to him I hope every thing will go on nicely at Ottawa — during the sitting of the House. I called to see you at Simcoe — you were away — telegraphed you another day from ... door; but you were off.—

I am kept busy with special duty — but will find ample time for Long Point &c. &c. when you arrange it.—

Believe me Yours faithfully.—

Col D. Tisdale — etc. — John Gunn Esq

Inspector of Fisheries, — &c.

Hamilton! Ont. -
2. March 1888. -

My dear Lang! -

Yours received. I had a letter recently from the Fisheries department Ottawa! - asking me to make good your $40. - in arrears - due for year 1887. - I told them - you would pay it this year before you commence to fish... You see now how much my fingers are! - Get ready your money and when you apply for fish send Cheque to the amt accompany the application! and will you please notify Jenkins to the same effect. - I hope you are pursuing on — the enjoyment of good health... Kindly remember me to my old and firm friend Jas Clarke. - -

During February - I had 2 weeks severe weather between Ryerfield and Hamilton & in December - I was also at Lake Simcoe, Ft. Edward. - Dreadful cold weather at 10 below Zero! - As usual, Yours truly, -

Jno Hill McKay -
F.C. -

Dear Lang Esqre

Private! -

Hamilton! - Ont. -

My dear Sir, -

There is some likelihood now of my succeeding in getting back some portion if not all of that $775. - Licenses fees - collected by A. C. McKinnon Fishery Overseer - Goderich Division - Lake Huron - for year 1887 and applied to his own private use: - I now remember when talking with you on this subject, you asked me if I was acquainted with Mr J. St. Scott Barrister &c. Kincardine, my reply was in the negative. - Will you be pleased to give me a letter of introduction to Mr Scott and I will go up and call on him next week. - There is reason to believe that through your kind offices with him I may be able to get back some of this money from A. C. McKinnon, F.O. for the Fisheries Department Ottawa. -

Adam Brown Esqre M.P. &c. &c. &c. — Hamilton! —

Dear Sir, With due respect, Your Obedient Servant, J. Hill McKay - F. C.

Memorandum: Licence Fees - paid in to The Fisheries Department. Ottawa: from the Lepin Division and Hamilton Division: for year 1887, and sent by me to The Deputy Minister, Department of Fisheries, Dominion of Canada. - - - - -

Date.	No: of Draft.	Amount of Licence Fees sent.	Amount. $	cts.	For year
4. January	1887, No: 184	Amount sent. - - -	10	00	
6. " "	198.	" "	15.	00	
8 " "	103	" "	10	00	
12 " "	222	" "	17.	00	
15. " "	254	" "	12.	00.	
22. " "	257.	" "	14.	00.	
29 " "	280	" "	12	00.	Total $ 90.00
28. March 1887.	No 460	" " sent. - -	00.	00	" " 00.00
12. April 1887.	No 490	Amount sent -	110.	00.	
14 April "	500	" "	20	00	
29 April -	541	" "	550	00.	
30 April "	550	"	705	00	1385.00
14 May 1887.	No: 41.	Amount sent -	133	00	
31 "	93	"	38.	00	171.00
13 June 1887	No. 725.	Amount sent	20	00	
17 "	No 138.	" "	20	00.	
22 "	No 148	" "	35	00	
30. "	No 173	" "	15	00	90.00
5 July 1887	No 1865	Amount sent -	60,00		
12 " "	No 209.	" "	150.	00	
23. " "	No 2571	" "	15.	00	225.00
		Total amount sent for year			2025.00

		Amount Carried over: -	..	..	$ ¢ 2025.00
6. Aug. 1887	No: 293.	Amount sent . . .	135.	00.	
12. Aug.	" 313.	" "	75.	00	
24. Aug.	" 342.	" "	11.	00	221.00
2. Sept. 1887.	No. 371.	Amount sent. -	25.	00.	
6 "	" 378	" "	135.	00.	
8 "	" 423.	" "	10.	00	190.00
5. Oct. 1887	No. 501.	Amount sent. -	15.	00	
15 Oct.	" 506.	" "	10.	00.	
19 Oct.	" 512.	" "	10.	00.	
22 Oct.	" 562.	" "	35.	00	132.00
10 Nov. 1887.	No. 35.	Amount sent	10.	53	
16. "	" 54.	" "	8.	00.	18.50
19 Dec. 1887	No. 142.	Amount sent. -	36.	00	
23. Jany 1888	" 248.	Wm. Ingledew, Jor. 1887.	5.	00.	
5. Jany.	" 180.	D. Patterson, Jor. do.	40.	00.	81.00
Deduct. -					Total 2,667.50
		By amount paid in for Co: of Elgin:			2,005.00.
For Hamilton Division		Total Balance Cash			$ 662.50
By amount of Licenses received for Elgin:					$ 2055.00 ¢
To Cash sent Department			2005.00 ¢		
" To amount due by Young:			40.		
" " amount due by Patterson			10. - 50.00. -		2055.00 ¢

Correct. -

Hamilton, Ont. John Wilkes. -

24. February 1888. - Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,

Department of Fisheries - 2.

The Total amount for the Lagoi Division charged against me for year '87,- is - - - $2100. 00
The Total amount - the Hamilton Division - do. - do, for year 1887, is 726. 50

Total - $ 2,826. 50

Ler. - -
By Cash out the Fisheries Department. - - See Pages Nos 1. V. 2, - 2667 50

Balance due 31st Dec; $ 159 00

Further Crs! -
By amount due by Dan Long, of Eagle, - $40. 00
By amount due by Dan's Patterson - New Glasgow - 10 00
By amount of Boat licenses due, 5 at $5 each, - 25. 00
This amount will be paid $ 75. 00

By J. H. Ramsay - Late Capt. Take his 2 Nets and Mark of 2. C. Nets - destroyed by Storms, Ramsay left for Buffalo, - leaving the wreck behind Balance due on licenses for year 1887, Lerwick, 65. 00
By amount of Lime Licenses on Burlington Beach! - 35. 00 175. 00

Not Jesh - ed! -

Total, in my favour! - $ 1,16 00

Paid back - by Order from the Department, - $ 10.00

Correct. -

Hamilton, Ont; John W. Kerr - Fishery Cruiser.
24. Feb. 1888. -

The Deputy Minister
of Department of Fisheries -
- Ottawa! Ont - 3.

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Memo: for S. O. Mowat Esqre
Fisheries Department
Ottawa. Ont.-

I send you an a/c this day of all Licences received - And that I have sent the Fisheries Department during the year ending 31st of December 1887. $2.667.50 c. - for Licence fees.

Please write off! -

1. Alex: Keller and Son $10.-
2. Dan: McGrayne. - - - - 10.-
3. Margret Eldridge. - - - 10.-
4. F. St. Leroy. - - - - 5.-
Total - $35.

Also Please write off for the reason assigned: John W. Ramsay Ridgeway, - for $65.00 c. -

Yours respectfully, -
John W. Kerr -
" " " J.P. -

Hamilton. Ont. -
5. March 1888.

P.S. Will write you a long letter this evening! - J. W. Kerr - P.

Memo: for S. O. Mowat Esqre
Fisheries Department, - Ottawa,

Your Kind favours received and always welcome! I had an Ottawa Paper today, marked; signifying Mr. W. F. Whitcher - severe illness, of - except yourself - all those old friends have drifted away from me; and broke their word - I remember a few years ago when Mrs. Whitcher was sick - he wrote me she was longing for White fish - and something else: - I sent them and a Keg of wine at the time: except once - I have never heard from him since. - However, I will send him a Keg of good native wine on tomorrow it may help to cure him. - I will send the wine to your care, and I will trouble you to see that he gets it - Do you want some. - If you do, say the word! -

Of course I read in the paper about Mr. Whitchers illness and all that, altho Mrs. Whitcher wrote me at the time he left - and left all the blame on Sam: Wilmot, - the Cut throat. - the man who gave Rogers - all the points to get out his Fisheries. - I. So Mowat Holds me! -

——And then tried to condemn me for con-
structing it. — —

I have just procured a letter of introduction from Mr. Adam Brown - M.P. - to J. St. Scott. Esq.e Barrister. Kincardine - but as Mr. Scott leaves for Ottawa - on Tomorrow - Tuesday - he advises me not to go to Kincardine - until Mr. Scott returns there. — Not a word, nor the apple yet, from McKinnon - F.C. - Goderich Division - Lake Huron. — If I get something solid to stand on I shall make him and all these people to whom he paid money of the Fisheries Money sweat!! — he never was a moment sick all last year, it was put on! — I presume his daughter whom he told me was sick. — is a Christian thoroughbred man like ex F.O. - Binghams wife - you wrote me about long ago: when he too robbed the Fisheries department. — Jim Patton - ex - F.O. - for Bribery - and Corruption at St.C. - Cooks. - M.P. - Election, & was sent to Jail for six hours - and fined $40. - besides. — By degrees we are getting well rid of all the scallawags. — Just give me full power, and I will make such an example of McKinnon and those people to whom

he paid your money. - and another of. will never be stolen from your fisheries department again. — Please remember a "Close Season" for Bass: January and February. — Gills nets out - before last Christmas - have never been pushed up yet. - and fresh gangs of gill nets set out a fortnight and 3 weeks ago, have not been pushed up yet! Lake Ontario - has been longer frozen over this winter than I have seen it before for 37 years. —

Sewers are being now made into Burlington Bay. and from the City - leading in to the Bay, - polluting the waters and injuring the fish and fisheries of said Bay. — —

Martin Carey, - a fisherman, on B. Beach, died last week, - from inflamation of the lungs. he was only a few days sick. he leaves a wife and 8 children - behind him. —

I hope you will permit gill netting for Pike in B. Bay. - the approaching spring, it would be a benefit for the fishermen. — Bass and Pike sold dear during this winter,

—— that the trust he reposes me for con-
tinuing it. ——

I have just received a letter of sympathy
from Mr Wm Green. Pres. A. F. of L. death of
Samuel. Tributes - but no mention death Compo
Mr Green - or Morrison - Duncan - Mr Frey
me not to go to Minneapolis - until the last re-
sume Mon. — Hot - more. Mr Frey got
Mr Morrison. Etc. - Appointed Division - Com
Mon. — Hope something before he returns
I hate such this but all these people to come
to Pres. and the Postmaster General !! -
it was put on :- I presume his daughter rode
to Mac on the train . — a Democrat Mor-
gan Life at Ch. - Engine - Can make the other
Pres. says: refer to the Federal Trade Com-
partment. — Jim Allen - at - Ch. - of Brotherhood -
was sent to Jail for the term - over Union
Pension of A. F. of L. - Pres. - A. F. Trustees -
Mr Frey: Mr Green - Chairman - Executive
Council - Mr Woll - Secretary - Treasurer - Mr Duncan
Vice Pres. - Mr Morrison - Mr Frey - Mr Green -
Executive Council - Mr Woll - Secretary - Treasurer -
Mr Duncan - Vice Pres. - Mr Morrison - Mr Frey -
Mr Green - Executive Council - Mr Woll - Secretary -
Treasurer - Mr Duncan - Vice Pres. - Mr Morrison -
Mr Frey - Mr Green - Executive Council - Mr Woll -
Secretary - Treasurer - Mr Duncan - Vice Pres. -
Mr Morrison - Mr Frey - Mr Green - Executive
Council - Mr Woll - Secretary - Treasurer - Mr Dun-
can - Vice Pres. - Mr Morrison - Mr Frey - Mr

Pike and Bass are never low at present, owing the muddy water in Burlington Bay. They can not be speared: - Dry Flies are selling for 10 p. and 12 p. a pound. -

Be sure and see Mr. J. H. Scott Barrister, Kincardine - who will arrive in Town to-morrow morning. - Wednesday - arrange with him how he is to act in Mr. McKinnon's case: I will do my part and help the Deputy/ale I am out of the trouble. That perhaps good natured Mr. McKinnon or his daughters letters lead him into. - Mr. McKinnon should not be allowed to collect any more license fees: you cannot trust him again! - I wrote Mr. McKinnon on the 24th of February last. and I sent him blanks as he requested! to make out his affts. - And I told him at the same time I must have the Mortgage on his House Stable and property - and to go and see Mr. Scott, his Solicitor - and advise with him. I have not heard from Mr. McKinnon yet.

Mr. Adam Brown, M. P. - wrote me on yesterday. - You had better delay your visit for a week. - I will do so!! — H.

In the mean time the Major will see Mr. Scott - and you will see him, - and arrange Mr. McKinnon's case. that I may be able to lend a helping hand. -

For he is a Jolly good fellow!
Which no body can deny, —
With a hip, hip, hip! Hurrah!! —

Now you have me - out of the mess he must come now! -

For me will drain our dearest veins;
But he shall be free! —

It is sometimes so pleasant to write - especially when Kindly feelings pervades our thoughts and minds - And nature makes us a Band of brothers. - You are always welcome to call upon me, and I will if possible do a Kindly act for you and your friend. - When Mr. Scott returns from Ottawa to Kincardine - I will go there again.

With my Kind and warm Regards. —
Hamilton! - at 1 am Yours Obediently —
6. March 1888. John Wilkes — J. O. —

Memorandum for S. B. Bunsett Esqre
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa! —

Just received a letter from Frank Jackson, Pound Net. - fisherman. - Ont. Burwell, - Complaining. - "That Emerson D. Sharp - will only recommend him for a license to fish four Pound Nets, - instead of five pound nets - in Lake Erie - fronting on the Township of Houghton. - While at the same time I perceive Mr. D. - Sharp, - returned A. C. Brown, successor to Jno; Emerson - last year for one pound. - Without for the entire, some good, substantial reason, - Jackson should have a license this year for to fish 5 pounds; Please see that he get it!! —

Old Sam: Price Esqre J. P. - John Price, Ex. - died a short time ago - and I have just heard - John - sold out at Ont. Stanley, -

Changes - all over! at New Glasgow. - Dunnville, Ont. Stanley; Port Burwell, Clear as mud, and Walsingham!!! not taking in to account - that Colonel D. Tisdale wants my Division of Region - to be continued on to Long Point - Lake Erie: - and Inner Bay, - Turkey Point - for fish Breeding purposes. F... F... F. -

There was a license granted to the Reeve of Houghton, last year... It appears to me it was not fished, except it was that 3rd pound to Isaac Becker - Walsingham - fished by Henry Swan - of Ont. Burwell, who it appears bought out Becker!! while Sharpe I presume - has said nothing to you about it... And still I think - there is the Reeve's Net of Houghton - somewhere yet. —

Great changes made in the sale of fish, by our Ont. fishermen this year! Erie - across the Lake: Erie, - as well as Buffalo will come in for her share this year. - It is just as well that you should know all these things: —

"Knowledge is power!" —

Yours respectfully, —
John Wilkinson. P.O.

Hamilton. Ont. —
7. March 1884.

P.S. Ol that our Inspectors might write a Book!! —

Memo: for S. P. Bennet Esqre.
Fisheries Department.-
Ottawa!-

The Gods have favoured us again! I have received from McKinnon - the following accounts:- viz:-

No: 1.- From 20. Oct. 1873. to the 8th of November 1882.- amount. $64.00 cts.-

" 2. From 13. July.- to 22nd of December 1884.- - £148.00 cts.

" 3.- From 7. March 1887.- to 9th November 1887.- £147.75 cts.

4.- The amount given is!- - - 36.00 cts.

Total.- $395.75 cts.

Dates are wrong. will have to be corrected!"- - - -

Now I hope you can see your way to a settlement - - The difference $379.25 cts. can be now arranged - every thing will have to remain at a stand still until the J. P. Scott, before whom A. C. McKinnon swore to his affts. at Kincardine - on Monday 5th inst. gets back from [illegible].- -

I hope the Deputy - will stop that Canon!!- McKinnon's daughter writing to him in future: for you - may not always have me to lend a helping hand - - - -

Yours respectfully.-
John W. Kerr.-
Hamilton, Ont.-
7. March 1888.- P.O.-

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Sir,

10. March 1888.---

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 304. for Twelve dollars.---

Will you be pleased to apply this amount to issuing licenses to the Petent? owners of nets in Lake Erie and Lake Ontario during this current year of 1888.

1. Messrs William and John McCracken, Port Colborne, For a Boat license to fish 1,000 yards of Herring Gill nets in Lake Erie, fronting on the township of Pelham? 3" inch mesh: the amount is sent herewith! $5.00 ct.—

2. Albert Stanfield,— Point Abino, Bertie.. For a Boat license to fish 200 yards of Herring Gill nets, in Lake Erie, fronting on Point Abino, Township of Bertie, 3" inch mesh amount herewith $2.00 ct.—

3. George Duncan, Jr.— Toronto Island; For a Boat license to fish 3000. yards of Herring and Cisco Gill nets 3" inch mesh in Lake Ontario, fronting on Toronto Island, and County of York" same as last year".—

The amount is herewith,— $5.00 ct.—

Total.- $12.00 ct.-

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant these licenses for this current year.— —

I have the Honor to be.—

Sir.—

Your Obedient Servant.—

John Wilkes.—

Fishery Overseer.—

The Deputy Minister
Department of Fisheries.
Ottawa, Ont.—

Hamilton, Ont.
10 March 1888.

Sir.-

I Have the honor to apply to you for Lewis Starling licenses at Niagara during this current year of 1888: viz:- For-

1.- in the Town of Niagara on the Lake, To the two Lines in Lake Ontario, between Kennedys & Rollos, and Rousseaus Wharf - Niagara River! 120. yards, and 250 yards respectively - legal White Fish Lines: and to be changed to Herring Centres when it becomes necessary.--- The amount is to be the same as last year. - $15.00 c. -

2,- Andrew Van Steamburg: Youngstown: For a seine licence to fish in the Niagara River, between the Black Stone Town - and the Half Moon Battery. Niagara Township and Town of Niagara: for the current year!- the amount is to be:--- $15.00 c.

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the above licences.--- Mrs Leeds husband is still alive, but he is become a complete imbecile - incurable: she maintains and keeps her family by carrying on fishing - and keeping Boarders.---

I Have the Honor to be -
Sir -
Your Obedient Servant -
John Wilkes -
Fishery Overseer -

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries. -
Ottawa! Ont. -

Memo: for S. P. Bowell Esqre.
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa. Ont. —

Since I wrote you on the 7th instant I have had a long letter from A. C. McKinnon of Tiverton. Ont. - dated 8 March 1888 - and enclosing me six letters he got from Sam: Wilmot. - dated Newcastle - June 17th 75. - November 28. 1876. - 7th Sept. 1877. - Oct. 3rd /78. - and 18. August 1882. - and Nov: 16. /82 -

Then there is an official letter from W. F. Whitcher. - dated Ottawa. - 6. July 1874. 24. July 1874. - and 12 May 1880. -

A Memo: from you to him about Saw dust in the Sangeen River. - and a copy of a letter from you marked private dated Ottawa, 10. Oct. /73 - in which you pitch in the Fishery Overseers - at Sarnia - and Southampton: things not in any manner connected with A. C. McKinnon - stealing $775.00 of Fishery license fees - for year 1887. - which he has pocketed. - I dont know now if

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McKinnon - has any more of his rascality secret to withhold from me. - -

And a letter from Johnston Lay - late Registar - at Walkerton - asking his actions with ref. to not prosecuting the Hogans - Mill owners - there at the time for allowing saw dust in to the Sangeen. -

I see nothing thus far, to Justify McKinnon - taking $775. - license fees - and using it on the plea that he performed certain other duties to the extent of $395.75 ct. -

It appears to me - McKinnon - is acting under advice from Mr Scott. Barrister at Kincardine. - On 1st instant. he wrote me, I have finished my bill of disbursements, just now but I cannot mail it until monday. - Mr Scott is in Ottawa. this week and I regret it very much that I was not aware that he was going there. - - When I read this, and heard from Adam Brown Esqre M. P. - Scott, was going to Ottawa. on last Tuesday. - I telegraphed you: - I shall not be in any hurry

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now to go and see Mc Kinnon. days to come for sows, let him get impatient . . .

I find the Accounts have been sworn before James Henderson Scott at Kincardine, this 5th day of March 1888, — A Commissioner, with his Notary Public seal to each oath in duplicate. — Make these oaths will all tell for themselves. — —

And I find him charging while he is in Mc Masters Division - on special duty. from 7th March 1887. - to the 12th March 1887, —

$12.00 . —

While during the same dates his charges in his own division at Grand Bend is $20, more . . . — He goes in pretty well for Sam: Wilmot, — Make who cares a Jot. - I'll see every them not! if from pleasure to please Sam they know! — but A. C. Mc Kinnon, can never, and shall never rouge from any of my friends, - nor from the Fishing Department, - of which I am am humble employe . . . Like I know I shall take it

S. —

on here and do my duty in that state of life unto which it has pleased God to call me . - My friends can depend upon me. I shall never deceive them . - I wonder what will Mc Master say! if he ever hears that A: C: Mc Kinnon - closed on the Potts. - for. Arrange with the Deputy. and just say if there is any change in the program. — Sometimes I think - you and I and the Deputy should meet - and go in to every minutia. before going further in to this matter of Mc Kinnons. -

Since he signed the first statements. I sent you he is silent since on these matters. - It is surprising to me if he really thinks you, the Deputy and I are green. - if he does he will slip up. . . . I met hundreds of such people as Mc Kinnon during 13 years, and 8 months of my life time, such people make no impression on me. - I am yours to command; Yours respectfully. - John W. Stewart. Hamilton, 11. March 1888. - 14 1. - J. S. -

Hamilton. Ont. -
11. March 1888. -

My dear Mr Emery. -

Your long and kind letter conveying so much information arrived in due time. - I have been at Kincardine, Lake Huron - since - and St Colborne and Ridgeway - Lake Erie. - When at Ridgeway on Thursday last, I was told a Steam Pound Net, with a large log in it, floated in to Buffalo - last fall. -

I have been informed, that great changes are taking place - amongst the Pound net fishermen at Clear Creek, Mr Burwell and Stanley, - the P. Act proprietors interested have not thus far, thought fit to communicate with me - and until they do so, I shall do my duty. - - I shall recommend no man for a license who slights me in any way I am the Guardian of Fisheries - for the County of Lambton - and where I am convinced otherwise than as a change. I know exactly how to act in the premises, - I am informed Mr John Price - Port Stanley, - sold out - he broke the Law twice last year, and although I got him quickly out of the trouble - it is a matter for consideration this year - if Mr John Price. is entitled to a renewal license for this current year. - -

Now that his father is dead - fishing will be a main occupation for him to follow. - - As regards the sale of fish to a person at Erie - instead of to Mr Niles - Buffalo, - that is out of my Jurisdiction, - I am glad to see you do well, and I hope the change may be profitable, - but what about the Freeze. - No dead fish will be allowed to float about in the Lake, - last year complaints were made time and again. - - I have written Mr Barnet, - that Henry Swan - your Partner - has bought out Isaac Barker, - and should have the

Hamilton! Ont.—
11. March 1888.—

My dear Frank!—

Yours received. I wrote to Ottawa, and I told them there you had been entitled one Pound for no reason whatever, and I asked that you be given 5 pounds this year as usual.—

Much obliged for the information your letter contained; except what related to Captain Foster — the last was a dead letter to me.—

If you dont get the 5th Pound in your license this year, just let me know and I will apply for you:— But mind keep this to yourself.—

Give Emery a little more room at the boundary line between Bayham and Houghton — enlarge the space between your Counds — move a little further in to Houghton — Kindly remember me to your wife.— Yours truly.— J. Whitehead

license given direct to Emery and boy.— I have not heard from Bauset, for a week, — then he told me Mr Whitaker was dying so I sent him through Bauset a 5, gallon keg of Native wine to cure him; and so note it be:— I am just 34 lbs pounds lighter than I was when I got that bad fall, — I am 206 pounds now and no more — now what say you!...

We are all very well — sometimes I get weak by, — but when good weather arrives I am off to Mr Burwell and Mr Bruce — to see my friends, — and drink some of Mrs Emerys, nice Tea — Mrs Kerr — and my family are all in good health — and I hope Mrs Emery — and your boy and the girls enjoy good health — Kindly remember me to them — Recollect — when making out Chaps annual returns for 1887, — I told him to apply and get you or Henry Ewan — the license this year instead of Isaac Barker. Why Emery Esqr Jr. is as usual My dear friend Sir Knight, Mason — but, J. Whitehead

Hamilton: Ont.
12. March 1888.—

My dear Friends and Brothers,—

As regards the Bustards. They belong either to the Indian Department at Ottawa—or the Crown Land Department at Toronto.— Get your friend Mr McCreale, M. P.— to see the Hon: Thomas White, at Ottawa,— minister of the Interior and Indian Affairs—and obtain for you a Lease of the Bustards.— If they belong to the local Government,— Toronto,— you will have to apply to the Commissioner or Minister of Crown Lands— Toronto,— for a Lease.— Try Mr McCreale first.—

Get your license from Fraser to fish in Georgian Bay,— between Collins Inlet, and Moose Deer Point.— mind that,— and when you commence fishing I suppose you will begin at Cape Smith about 8 Nets.— I cannot interfere. my hands are tied.— Yours Fraternally,—
David Porter Esqre — John Wilkes — J.O.

Hamilton!-Ont.
12. March 1888.—

My dear Friends,—

When convenient put in your application for license to fish Owen Sound nets during this current year and send on to me.— I thank you for telling me about fish guts.— and dead fish been seen by you floating in the Lake—and getting into your 8 Nets.—

I shall stop this— very soon— if it should happen again this season.— please let me know immediately...

I hope this will prove a good fishing season; it generally does— when the winter is severe— as we have had it.—

I hope you are all in the enjoyment of good health.— With my warm regards— Believe me, Yours Sincerely,—

John Wilkes— J.O.—

Joseph Gage Hoey,—
8 Net fishermen,—
Tyrconnell.— Ont.—

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Hamilton: - Ont. -
12. March 1888. -

My dear friend and Brother, -

I Mail your last years license to you this day. - I had a letter from our friend Arnold - about his fishing - please see him and say that will be all right when I come up which will be just as soon as the weather moderates. -

And will you please get $5. for me from that young man who has been fishing gill nets - Also the quantity of gill nets - in yards - that he is fishing. -

I have been informed that Mr. John Price - has sold out - from neither him, nor the persons to whom he is reported to have sold - have I had a single word on the subject. - We see we shall see - I mean to recommend you for 5 pounds again this year. - I hope you are all well, be pleased to Kindly remember me to your respected loyal father friend & brother, -

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And to your son. - - I have been kept very busy during the winter - away to Goderich - Sarnia - Kincardine - Southampton, and Bayfield - Lake Huron. - It is a very cold country away up on Lake Huron, - wrapped up - I got along very well, - and got back here again. - -

A case similar to Mr. McBride's - except that the Captain - is a Sterling honest man, and proved himself as such, on all and every occasion. - - Church has sold out his fishing rig at Tyrconnell - to a man named Thomas, - you! of course Know all about it, so I need say no more. -

I saw by the Papers, - that you have lost our worthy friend and relative Mr. Sam. Price, - I never saw him to speak to him! - I was on Lake Huron when he died - or I would have gone to his funeral. - For all your Kindness and attention to me during the past year, I sincerely thank you. - - I have some things to tell you when we meet. - - -

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Hamilton: - Sat. -
12. March 1888. -

My own Annie

I have your dear letter
& am glad you got home safe
& got the key. - I have a letter from our
Annie Dunbar - about his finding. Please
see him and tell him to be sure to get
when I come up which will be April 1st
how is the weather considered. -

Dear wife you know of I & for me
you that young man who has been sick
all his life. Like his speaking of his
not - us yours. That is finding. -
I have been informed that the
Bible - has been cut. - From neither him
nor the person he when he is reported to
have been - then I have a single more
on the subject. - Were we able or - I
mean to reconnoitre you by I pounds upon
his eyes. - I hope you are all well
please to kindly remember me to your
respective Papa Father Annie & Hattie. -

Dear to your dear. - I have been
kept very busy during the winter - owing
to Mr. Moore's - illness - Miscellaneous - but
nothing more. Our Daughter - Clara Dunn. -
It is a very fine healthy young up a
little - one yet but two years. -

Clara Dunn - engaged up - I yet along
with - one yet but two years. -

Clara Dunn to Mr. Thomas - except that
Mr. Dayton - is a strong tenant now. and
proves himself so but, we are very
anxious. - Mount has date not his
finding for it. Mr. Moore - He is now read
to it he I hear very from me. -

I am by Mr. Dayton - But you have
but our monthly Money our relations Mr.
Thomas Dunn - I more can him to report
to him: - I more our Clara Dunn when he
died - or I wonder have gone to his Time =
tal. - Mr. Mr. Dayton Mr. and other =
tion to me during Mr. Mount Mount I this =
evening Mount you. - I have more things
to tell you when we meet. - -

Hamilton, Ont.
15. March 1888.

My dear Sir!

Yours of 12th instant received. I have not received one cent in lieu of Fishery licenses for you during the past year of 1887. for fishing a Seine and gill nets in Lake Ontario... Peter Hall told you simply the truth... You had better see Hawkins and get back your money from him and send it to me... It is more satisfactory to you and to me for you to send me your fishing license money direct - addressed to me as Fishery Inspector - Hamilton, Ont...

Please let me know the length of your seine, - and the number of yards of gill nets you propose fishing this year... Your license fee - for all, - during this current year will be only $5. - for this current year of 1888. - Let me have your money at once! - I am, Yours truly, -

John Wilkinson. -
F.I. -

Mr. Wm Hoodg Kinsman. -
Grantham - St. Catherines. Ont. -

I hope you will have a good profitable season fishing this year. - And I hope she to get over the bad results of that dangerous fall. - I am reduced 34 pounds from the effects of it. - From 242 pounds - I have got down to 208 - plenty heavy enough still. -
I hope your family are all well - I am always so glad to hear of the welfare of my friends - I hope [illegible] pertaining to business - has proved to you successful. -
I heard that some of our Fishermen have stopped dealing with our worthy friend - Mr Tribe. - I hope he will still have plenty left to supply his customers. - I have always found him a honorable man! -
We are all well here at present, - and hoping this will find you and the several members of your family in the enjoyment of good health and comfort I remain my dear Brother Fisherman. -
Captain -
John Stanley - Ont.

Yours fraternally, -
John Wilkinson - F.I.

Hamilton! Ont. —
12. March 1868, —

My dear Beakey, —

You can send the enclosed to Mr. McCulla, M. P. — if you wish. — He gave the account you refer to. I sent it to the Fisheries department at the time I got it from you. — —

Thank and pleg. Charlotte and have the Cakes of mine — will you be so good as to send up, and have them shipped to me as Freight, — and please Telegraph me, and I will send and meet the Train — and fetch them home here. — I hope you are all in the enjoyment of good health. — I am pretty well at present! — and believe me, —

Yours fraternally. —
John Wilkinson —
P.

Alex: Beakey Esqre
Port Credit. Ont.

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Hamilton! Ont. —
12. March 1868, —

My dear Beakey, —

Your Postal Card received! I have examined my letter Books — but I find no record of your Account as Fishery Overseer, — of the River Credit — to which I heard you were appointed in the first place, without a salary — to take the place of the late deceased James Wilcox. — —

I understood at the time James G. Wilcox services, — were dispensed with and you received the appointment, without a Salary. — the thing had been done by Squire James Hamilton, — of Port Credit, and I can bear testimony that you have since your appointment, assisted me in various ways as the Local Overseer, — of the Hamilton Division — of Lake Ontario, — in which Port Credit is situated. — — I always considered you as entitled to pay for services done.

Yours respectfully, —
John Wilkinson — P. O. —

Alex: Beakey Esqre
Port Credit. Ont. —

Hamilton! Ont. -
13. March 1888.-

My dear Captain Thompson! —

I hope you are well.- together with our Kinsfolk - your Nieces: the Grand Children - daughters and nieces of the friends of my youth. - -

The last of their family - I saw just [illegible] was their Grand Mother. Mrs Tom - Gibson of Cradenstown. - Thomas Gibson Esqre" - I will stay over and have a Walk with you and your relatives when I come up this approaching spring. - -

Please put in your application and do so! soon. - And advise our friend Mr Sylvanus Young and Son - to do likewise. - - I heard John Price - Pt Stanley has sold out - I cant say how true it is - for I have heard nothing direct from Mr Price himself - nor the other interested persons.

During the month of February last, I

spent nearly 2 weeks on Lake Huron, - between Bayfield and Inner Huron - Thiertn Goderich and Kincardine ... It was 16.- years since I was there before; - So far as snow then and now is concerned; there is no difference!! snow Mountains high, - had to leave the Road twice, and drive over the fields the roads blocked up; and when driving along can look down out of the cutter on the end of the Fence stakes. - The weather 16° below Zero: - I got through all right. I was driving for 4 days, - 1st day 33 miles. 2d day 30 miles. 3rd day 45 miles and the 4th day 34 miles - all along in front of Lake Huron. - - I was up at Kincardine since again; and will soon have to go up there again. - - But then in future - I mean to remain within doors. - I had no other news, - so I thought of giving you the above. my Knee is improving - but I am reduced 34. pounds - from 242 - I am away down to 208 pounds. - With Kind and warm regards.

Yours - Sincerely. - Thos W. Keys J.P.

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Hamilton / Ont. –
13. March 1888.–

My dear Sir,–

I am in receipt of your letter of 10th inst. – I know nothing whatever about what you refer to, and I am not yet aware that you have any fishing ground west of New Glasgow, – in Lake Ont. – –

Daniel Patterson – whom I suppose you bought out does not, – entitle you to the fishing ground he held and fished on during the year 1887. – Patterson applied for a license last year, for the fish 3. Pound Nets. – And then he backed down to 2. Pounds, – and according to my instructions, he has to pay before I make application for the license, and unless I receive the money 50. for each P. Net – I dont intend to apply for a license for any man.

Besides as I told you in a recent letter I wrote you Dan: Patterson owes me $ 40. – hence for in his license to fish 2. Pounds during the year 1887. –

Patterson made application for to fish 3. Ont. Nets. – and when the license was granted, and I notified Patterson, – he had not license money, – and I could not allow him to fish. –

He was in this way, when I received the following from the Deputy Minister. " Give Daniel Patterson what you may think a reasonable time to pay his license fees. –
12. May 1887. – Signed – John Tilton. –
D: M: F. –

I wrote Patterson, – and I gave him until the 15. June – for to pay me $ 100. – and he owes me $ 10. – yet of this amount, and more over the Department holds me responsible for this amount at least. – – –

When Patterson secures fishing ground, he sent me $ 40. – having previously paid $ 50. – in all $ 90. – telling me he would shortly send me the $ 10. – but I have not got it yet. –

Until Patterson pays up – and I receive the license, for this year in full, it is of no consequence to me to fish as Dan: Patterson is doing. – – I am bound down by license

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Hamilton! - Ont. -
18. March 1888. -

My dear Sir, -

A short time ago. I had a letter from our worthy friend - Yourself - from whom I was advised to Petition The Hon: The Minister of Marine on the subject you now write me about - and to send the same through you all; & - for the House of Commons - now in Session at Ottawa! the result may come out favourable . . . After I saw you at your place at Woodstock - I wrote the Department and laid all matters and things in connection with your Speckled Trout Establishment before the Fisheries Department, last summer . . . I may say you in reply nothing definite was arrived at then. - Try again by Petition is my advice, - and whenever I am ordered - I will inspect and report favourable; for that I was always [illegible]

Hannibal, Sept.
18. März 1888.

Mein lieber Fritz!

Du hast mir sogar 3 Briefe + Karten
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Memo: for Mr. D. P. Bunset Esqre.
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa. —

As you advised - I started for Kincardine, - on Lake Huron - last monday morning - arrived there at 4.30. p. m. miles about 159. - saw Mr. J. St. Scott, on my arrival at the Queens Hotel, and having talked matters over - and arranged particulars - I sent - - - right off for McKinnon who came instantly to me at the Queens, Kincardine. - - - We talked matters - and I told McKinnon the conclusion, - Mr Scott, and I arrived at! - McKinnon at once adopted our arrangement subject to your approval. - - What Scott and I, - proposed to do in the premises is now a completed fact. - -

And this is the arrangement now in my possession! - I hold a Mortgage for $400. - on A. C. McKinnons property. House, Stable and 3 acres of

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intention. - - Tell the Doctor not to jail but send the Petition at once. - -

I hope you are in good health. - I have been there at Goderich and Kincardine on Lake Huron - for 2 weeks, in February last, - and I drove for four days - with cold weather - 16. below Zero.

Remember me kindly - to my old friend, Mr. Charles Lindsay Esqre - whom I have always known as a true and sincere friend since the fall of the year 1847, - when I first entered the G. W. Railway, - and believe me my friend - Yours faithfully. —

John W. Kerr. —
P.O.

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C: St: Whitehead Esqre
V: - V: - V: —
Woodstock. Ont.

land. having a good bearing Orchard of 10 ∕ - apple and Plum trees thereon." -

This was given to me to raise $400,- to apply on McKinnons indebtedness to the Department. - I may here add for your information - McKinnon - handed me the Deed of the property with the Mortgage: - Then I may inform you that McKinnon has handed me four accounts - amounting in the aggregate to $395.75 ∕ - These accounts are spread over a long period: viz from the year 1872. - to the 31st of December 1887. - Then it appears there is a ¼ quarters salary due McKinnon $25. - This he also has assigned to me, and the accounts - or so much of the amount of $395.75 ∕ together with his salary - so that I may receive the same and pay it back to the Department, in order to wipe out McKinnons indebtedness to the Department. - I hope to see every

thing wound up and settled amicably. so that no one can be blamed - by what I may tell you is a great misfortune. - - I have not gone to Grand Bend, nor Kettle point to make enquiries - because I got no instructions from you to do so!! - I believe McKinnon lost the Money - as he has told me has - and was ordered to report his and his himself direct to The Department. - - I dont find it necessary at present to say more to you on the subject. -

In looking over the apts McKinnon handed me to day ~~lapse~~ you I found a discrepancy, - which I called on him to explain - which I expect soon when I will make a rough report for you to look over and correct for me - of the whole matter. - Believe me as usual,

Yours respectfully. -

John W. Kerr -
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont,
22. March 1888

E. J. Tribe Esqre Hamilton! Ont.—

Buffalo—N.Y.— 22. March 1888.—

My dear Tribe,

Whenever convenient, I would like to hear from [illegible] regarding the Ptg Act [illegible] to Thomas,—I wish [illegible] see Wm Church, exam= [illegible] and its limits and [illegible] observation and examina= [illegible] pounds—I can reason= [illegible] am applied for these [illegible] I have not yet answered [illegible] will apply towards the [illegible] Nt.—for licence for Fishing, [illegible] it [illegible] be necessary [illegible] may in the the Department [illegible] it with my application.— [illegible] Stoover of Rainham here [illegible] on Saturday last, he is going to fish as I suppose you are already aware at New Glasgow, Lake Erie!—

Hamilton, Ont.— I am Yours Sincerely,—

[illegible]—F.C.

John Bolton Esqre Hamilton: Ont.—

Niagara.—Ont.—22. March 1888.—

My dear Sir,—

On yesterday, on my return home from Lake Huron,—I received two letters complaining of you and others—for fishing up and taking in your Gill nets on Sunday,—11th March, instant,—in contravention of Fisheries Act.—

Please send me your Boat licence money,—$5.00 p. per Boat for this current year.—And please advise all other fisher= man to do the same on receipt of this note!—I have spent a good deal of my time at Goderich, Kincardine, W. Lake Huron,—last month and this: hence my rea= son for not attending the Hon: J. B. Plumb's funeral.—It was a sudden call his death.—God fit and prepare us all for Eternity.

I hope you are all well. Kindly re= member me to Mrs Bolton—Mrs Capt. V. your brother and the fishermen.

Yours Sincerely,—John Whitton—F.C.

Alf: Montgomery & Hamilton! Cut. —
Collingwood. —
Ont. 22. March 1888. —

Alf dear or Montgomery. —

Has Joe. — the Assistant Engineer of the Pacific — received the Spear. I sent him by Express. — after I got his letter to do so. — Dont fail to do this. it was a fancy Spear. —

Between Joe and you please send me a box of fresh fish next week. — I have been at Goderich. Kincardine, and Lake Huron — twice in February. and twice this month. — It is a cold place. —

A foot of fresh snow — from there on yesterday morning — until we arrived at Harrisburg! — How are my Collingwood friends — the truest friends on Gods foothold Alex Clarke, — and all his family — wife sisters — mother Alf Fisher. and the Fishermen — all good men and true. —

I am 34. pounds lighter than I was when I got that dreadful Jaila! I think my knee is getting better. — Yours sincerely — J. W. Kerr. Jr. —

Mailed on 22nd March 1888. — —

Jr.

Alf Wm J. May. —
Fisherman, —
South, —
Cape Dalhousie. —

A printed Cut, fishing license! ½ =

Aff: Alex Hopwood Thomson. Cert -
Born: Invercargill. 22 August 1888.

My dear Hopwood:

You see - I've learnt how
soon it is Christmas - when I get these
sweet Xmas Cards - often & often to
letter to do so ... Don't you do it this
it was a good hope -

Between you and you please dear
me - but I get part work -
Xmas time at present. Unfortunately
this time - this month - it's a bit slow.
I get part of part time - you see on
practical running - with me arrive at
Thursday - Then we are beginning
prices - We treat prices as those positive
Dear Doctor - and all it family - wife
sisters - mother Dept - Father - and the little
one - all good men and true ...

Now it's quite light the time when
I get that marque Poole - I think and the
is getting better - Yours sincerely -
Alex.

Received on 22nd
August 1888 ...

Dr.
Mr. Alex. J. Thomson.
Invercargill.
Cert.
Cert Statement.
Publishing Licence. Cert

Hamilton - Ont, -

Sir - -

24th March 1888.-

I am in receipt of your instructions of the 30th of January last to me to proceed to Goderich on Lake Huron: see Mr A. C. McKinnon Fishery Overseer there - and collect from him the license fees - set forth in return herewith from the 1st of January to the 31st of December 1887 - amounting in the aggregate to $790.00 ---

I proceeded to Goderich on the 6th February last - and on enquiry I found that Overseer A. C. McKinnon lived on Lot No 14 in the 11th Concession of the Township of Kinnardine near the village of Kinnaston; 45 miles away from Goderich ----

I proceeded there and I found Overseer A. C. McKinnon on the 7th of February last and I made a formal demand then for the money $790 - License fees.

I took down a statement from A. C McKinnon at the time in reply to my demand McKinnon signed it I witnessed it and I mailed it to the Department Ottawa ---

McKinnons reply then to me was. That he had been sick - his daughter was sick - and he had paid the money away for Doctors Bills - and he asked me not to expose him in the Locality. ----

He subsequently told me at Kinnardine on the 16th February last, That when he was at Kettle point, and Grand Bend - Lake Huron - last Summer collecting the License money - he went in to a Franchmans Tavern there - got a glass of beer - drank it - it was drugged - he fell asleep - and when he awoke he found $400 - license fees back taken & stolen or taken from him

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Fisheries Department -
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his pocket . . . Mr Kinnon told me he raised no fuss about the loss, - and did not even report the matter to the Fisheries department, nor mention the matter to any person until he informed me . . . . He [illegible] as well to see your letters, when you wrote him about the [illegible] of $ 17.00 . . . .

In justice enquiries made by me Mr Kinnon told me he had collected $ 35.00 - for dog tax licence fees - from the following fishermen of the Township of Beaugard for the year 1887: viz Mr 1. Henry Green $1.5. - 2. David Kennedy $1.5. - 3. - Mrs Henry Gill $1.5. - 4. Joseph Gill $1.5. - 5 Peter Lewis $1.5. 6. Joseph Bennet $1.5. and 7. John Bell $1.5. . . .

No portion of this amount $ 35.00 c. was for dog tax.

Having already made known to you the above facts. for the information of the Deputy Minister . . . Being advised and instructed by you for certain reasons only known to you and I. - to press on Overseer A. C. Mr Kinnon payment of licence fees for year 1887. amount $ 775.00 c. - he reported to me he had collected, I done so, but I have failed thus far to collect from him in money one solitary c. -

Overseer, A. C. Mr Kinnon, complained to me as you are already aware, - that Mr W. F. Whitcher - when in office - promised him promotion, - to extend his limits and raise his salary to $ 200. - a year . . . "I soon disposed of this by telling Mr Kinnon - Mr Whitcher had promised me 50 things he never fulfilled ?? . . .

You having advised me to try in some other way - finding how the licence fees $ 775. stood; to collect this amount charged against Overseer A. C. Mr Kinnon as licence fees - for the year 1887. . .

The Indians on Kettle point, who fished there last year, and to whom you granted a licence to

Jail on Cowan Ark, at the rate of $60.- for the year 1887.- I advised you refusal to pay, as Mr Kinnear told me, although they jailed and have ought jail.---

This Indian house will consequently be returned to the Department:--- Making the amount of License fees, for the year 1887.- collected by Mr Kinnear $775.00

Take now even a favorable view of this case of D. C. McKinnon's - and while there seems to be no failure in his person.- Surely who the $400.00, was stolen or lost to ought to have sent the balance $375.- at once to the Department and to-day the fine his misfortune.---

Except a House in which he lives with his wife and family.- a stable and 3 Acres of land containing 100 apple and plum trees - in good bearing, Mr Kinnear has no other property.---

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Canvass D. C. McKinnon - and I consulted the J. P. Scott- Barrister - of Kincardine, on his indebtedness to the Fisheries Department:--- And what was best to be done in the premises!.-

Canvass D. C. McKinnon has given me a Mortgage on his House and premises for $400.- to raise the same and pay it to the Fisheries Department for [illegible] if I see fit so to.---

He also presents to me for your approval and the Deputy Ministers consideration four Accounts in duplicate,- sworn to, before J. K. Scott, a Notary public,- of Kincardine, amounting in the aggregate to $395.75 cents.---- Thus!-----

No. 1.--- Is an account for $64.00 - This amount was for selecting specimens of fish - for the London, England - Fish Exhibition - for Sam: Wilmot, and should be paid for.-- And for Collecting Statistics

in Southampton Division - Lake Huron :- This was between the 20th of October 1873, and the 8th of November 1882.- Sam: Wiseman (L) was on from the transaction ... Ref are sent you here !.-

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No: 2.- Is an account for $142.00 .- This account is for Special duty,- while in charge of the Southampton Division of Lake Huron, over Overseer John Eastwood.- between the 13th of June 1874.- and the 22nd of December 1874.- And for prosecuting persons - for contravening of the Fisheries Act.-

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No: 3.- Is an account of Disbursements,- for the year 1887,- amounting to $147.75 -

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No 4.- Is an account of Disbursements,- amounting to $36.00 .- while on special duty,- boating Pte Metz,- and inspecting and protecting fish in Overseer McMasters, Lucia Division :- between the 7th March 1887,- and the 7th of November 1887.- I took McKinnon to task,- on this account: see his letter No: 4,- for his explanation .- - And his affts marked thus x.- No: 3 & 4.

And the last quarters salary due - McKinnon, for year 1887,- amounting to $25.00 .-----

I find no objection to these accounts,- I recommend that Overseer, A. G. McKinnon, receive all benefits accruing thereon when allowed and paid to the Fisheries department, by me .-

Thus you have now all details of this and cons taken you .--- The accounts I have just referred to, also together with Overseer A. G. McKinnon's salary for last quarter of year 1887,- amounting to $420.75 he has assigned to me so that I may draw the

Canada, if allowed, and pay it back to The Department. He must do much of his indebtedness. - -

Mr. McKinnon has also empowered me to draw his salary, as it becomes due in future, in case you still retain him in office until all is paid up. - - -

I also attach four letters, - Nos. 1. 2. 3. and 4. - I have received from Mr. A. C. McKinnon, since you first instructed me to take his case in hand, and in which he refers to his misfortune. - -

I may in conclusion report, that since the 6th of February last, up to present time, I have had McKinnon's case on hand, he feels keenly the position he has fallen from. - - -

Respectfully Submitted. - -

John W. Kerr. -

Fishery Overseer. -

Hamilton, Ont.

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Memorandum for S. O. Bauset Esqre.
Fisheries Department, -
Ottawa! -

Please find six letters. from Samuel Wilmot. -
Chief Superintendent. - Fish Culture, - Canada, -
To.
A. C. McKinnon. Fishery Overseer, Goderich. -
To procure specimens of Fish for him to Exhibit at Philadelphia - U. S. - Ottawa! and London, England, Fish Exhibitions. - - -

Mr A. C. McKinnon - now claims to be paid for his time in procuring the same! - See a/c. No: 1, - for $64.00 cts. John W. Kerr. - F. O.
Hamilton, Ont, -
24. March 1888.

Copy.-

Record of Fishery Licenses issued by A. C. McKinnon, from 1st January, to 31st December 1887.---

Date of issue!-	Name of Licensee!-	License Fee..
April 29. 1887.-	Henry Ford.-	$ 100. ---.
--- --- ---	James Landon.-	" 50. ---.
--- --- ---	George Smith.-	" 50. ---.
--- --- ---	Joseph Laing.-	" 50. ---.
--- --- ---	John Burns.-	" 50. ---.
--- --- ---	John Walsh.-	" 50. ---.
--- --- ---	Fred: J. Evans.-	" 50. ---.
--- --- ---	Geo: Black.-	" 50. ---.
--- --- ---	John Laing.-	" 50. ---.
May. 26. 1887.-	George R. Taylor.-	" 80. ---.
July. 8. ---	Samuel Burley.-	" 80. ---.
--- --- ---	James Burns.-	" 80. ---.
--- --- ---	Kettle Point Indians.-	" 50. ---.
	Total.-	$. 790. ---.
	Deduct- Kettle Point,- Indians license!-	" 50. ---.
	Balance due Fy's dept. 24. March 1888.-	$. 740. ---.
	Add! other monies,- Same Licences	
	Issued,- collected by A. C. McKinnon of Ki-	
	verton,- and retained by him also!!.	
---	1.- Henry Green, Bosanquet.- For same!-	5. ---.
---	2.- David Kennedy.- --- " " "	5. ---.
---	3.- Mrs Henry Gill.- --- " " "	5. ---.
---	4.- Joseph Gill.- --- " " "	5. ---.
---	5.- Peter Fansee.- --- " " "	5. ---.
---	6.- Joseph Brenner.- --- " " "	5. ---.
---	7.- John Bell.- --- " " "	5. ---.
	Amount due Fishery department by A. C.	$. 775.. 00/.
	McKinnon. F. Overseer.- Goderich Division.	

Hamilton. 24. March 1888.- John Wilkie- Fishery Overseer.

Mess!- for L.O. Armst Esq.
Fisheries Department.-
Ottawa!- Ont.-

I send you this day.- all I can say to you at present- about A. B. McKinnon's sad misfortune!- . . . I dont desire to add any thing beyond what my report to you- contains!- McKinnon- if attending to his business, should have collected annually- at least about $1200.- licence fees.- . . . If you retain him in office- he wants $200.- a year, instead of $100.- a year. . . . Mr Sam: Wilmot has treated fishermen so shamefully- in not passing them- for specimens they procured for him for the London- England- Fish Exhibition; that if he sees the fish again- he could not procure the scale of a fish.- I have done my best in McKinnon's case- and when you go through all the papers- I have sent you to day.- I hope the same will meet your approval and the Deputys.- I never had a headache in my life once or cold, as that

of the 6th 7th 8th and 9th February last.-
And last wednesday- when leaving Kincardine for Stone- by Train at 5.40- A.M. it had commenced to snow- and it snowed like fury for more than 140 miles.- . .

I may tell you J. St. Scott of Kincardine is a splendid fellow- I got him to draw up the assignment from McKinnon to me, also the mortgage:- when he was at Ottawa- from whatever McKinnon told him- he was going to call on you; but Mr Adam Brown- M.P.- advised him not to do so, until he had just seen me- and that was the reason why you did not see Mr Scott.- He will call when he comes down next week and see you.
I would like to go over McKinnons Division at Grand Rand and Pt Frank- when the weather moderates.- If I see Henry Green. Grand Rand, or Ross of Rayfield- I would soon find out what became of your licence fees. $775.- I hope I have saved the Deputys Bacon!- when you write me how matters were, I went for to do the best I could!-

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Hamilton, Ont.—
27. March 1888.—

My dear Mr. Emery.—

Your last received, glad to hear you, Mrs. Emery and the Children are well.— At present we are all well here.—

And what do you think, I,— when, whom from home, can wake up at any hour of the night: latterly sleep the night long. Is it not a Glorious thing, that with a clear conscience we sleep soundly.? I have sent in my Goderich report,— dreadful hard weather on me the 6th 7th 8th and 9th of February last.— I may tell you confidentially I got through.— with about the skin of my teeth.

Or to use an other old saying— "They remember the pain no longer seeing that a child is born in to the world"— and what a world it is to be sure that we live in! Verily, I must confidentially say for you let us fervently— Thank the Lord. for His mercy and forbearance endureth for ever. Amen.

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I have a long chat with Mr. J. H. Lister, before Mr. Kinnear. whom I sent for, arrived at Niagara, from Toronto.—

I think you will be able to get $420.75 as soon as the accounts— I send you come before you: they appear to be legitimate accounts.— Will you be pleased to send me cheque for my postage salary this week:—

I will send you Col. Ince— report right away! of Dr. Hagyard. goes back on his friends supporters— Harris and Smith.— I must come to the conclusion he thinks more of the people in Buffalo, than he does about these two parliamentary Conservative supporters of his.—

I hope you are all well, it has been a long dreary winter!— Wales and I,— and Bingo the Theodolite! and the Lodges on the Restigouche— are Big things,— and Sams $2,000, a year,— and $400,— for the land on which the Hatchery is situated at Newcastle,— and his son Charles— being on the Theodolite $1,000, a year, while I,— completing over 24 years have only got 600.

Hamilton / Ont, —
26. March 1888.—

Sir. —

I am in receipt of a letter, (Copy.) dated International Bridge - Fort Erie. addressed to you, and signed by Two persons, one a Toronto man, out of a population of 400. people, - from the locality of the International Bridge - Niagara River, Fort Erie: —

"Praying that some net fishing as carried on for "a means of - living in the Niagara River at Fort Erie "under licenses from the Fisheries department Ottawa, "by Mrs Harris, C. A. Harris - her Husband, and Mr "Nicholas Everitt. - of Fort Erie, and Bertie - should "be stopped altogether, and that angling by Americans, "be the Order of the day." —

"Also, complaining of the scarcity fish in con= "sequence of these two Seine fishermen catching such "large quantities of fish! and then finding fault "with the price at which the fish are sold, and "for not being sold at reduced prices to the peo= "ple of Canada, at Fort Erie, but were sold to "the people of Buffalo, U. S." —

In reply - I have to report that there is nothing in the Fisheries Act, regulating the price of fresh caught fish; nor where they are to be sold, nor who is to buy them. - still I am aware of two Hotels - near the International Bridge that are regularly supplied with fresh fish by Nicholas Everitt. - on all occasions when required.

About this time one year ago! 600. - persons, resi= dents of Buffalo, and several Canadians, being out of all other employment, started out from their homes on to the frozen ice bound surface of Lake Erie

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries. 1. —
Ottawa / — Ont. 5

at early dawn, with hand, dog, sleigh, axe, Hooks lines, sinkers - and fry bait - and with Tip Ups - continued to fish all the winter day long . - -

And I have reason to know that the take of fish by this large multitude of people, as reported to me by persons in a position to know, amounted to about One Million pounds of fish caught, and sold to a New Fish Company started in Buffalo last year . - - Taking this matter alone into account this would be about one cause of the scarcity of fish in the Niagara River, at Fort Erie - as complained of . - -

Some labouring men - this time during the winter, 12 months ago, on the Ice Lake Erie, off Buffalo, U. S - and Fort Erie Canada; were known to make from three to four dollars a day, - catching fish with Tip Ups . -

Whereas I may tell you and report that that the fry in Lake Erie this present winter is so numerous. the grown fish are well supplied naturally with such an abundance of food, that Tip Up fishing in Lake Erie - off Buffalo, U. S. - during the present winter is a complete failure . -

Mrs Harris and Mr C. A. Harris, and Nicholas Smith - hardly do any thing else but fish for a living - they are nearly a quarter of a century fishing as a means of living and supporting their families . - -

A few years ago a similar Petition was got up, to stop Mrs Harris, and her Husband C. A. Harris, - some fishing in the Niagara River at Fort Erie; well there was a scene to be sure; Mrs Harris flew round . - - -

And Dr John Ferguson . M. P. - for Welland.

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to whom I now refer you, can now tell you all the particulars - for he took a hand in arranging the matter in behalf of Mrs Harris, her Husband and family. - -

I beg now to report it was on that particular day at Fort Erie, - Nelson Forsyth, Esq P.L. presiding, when Dr. John Ferguson, M.P. Robson, and the Conservative party - met to protest against Colonel Morans return, as Local M. P. P. - for the County of Welland, in the Provincial House of Commons. - - -

Mrs Harris, - now complained of for fishing legally in the Niagara River at Fort Erie, went to that Meeting of Conservatives. - - And with Dr. Ferguson on one side, and M.P. Robson, defeated candidate on the other side of Mrs Harris, she was conducted on the platform and given a seat and introduced to the Meeting. —

Dr. Ferguson, M.P. P. - took Mrs Harris Petition then and there and told her he would attend to it for her, and that she should not be disturbed in her seine hauling fishing grounds, in the Niagara River at Fort Erie. —

By reference to the catch of fish made by Harris and Lovitt, during the year 1887, - the scarcity of fish - must be from other causes. —

The Petitioners condemn Mr. Nic: Lovitts, brother for becoming an American Citizen, while, so favorably disposed towards American Anglers. - -

If you approve I will wait on Dr. Ferguson - and arrange some other plan. - - Harris & Lovitt are warm supporters of the Doctors - and were so to my knowledge at last Dominion Election. -

Respectfully Submitted. —

John Watson - Fishery Overseer.

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His last Overseer – Frederick Dinnion! – Lake Huron, – Collected last summer £775 – Last – Licence year. – took a glass of beer in a Frenchman's Tavern – it was drugged – he fell asleep, and when he awoke £400 – of the money was gone – the balance £375 – he retained as well – never told any one what happened, until I arrived there on the 7th of February last. –

Now the Cat jumped out of the Bag!!! –

I got from him accounts to the extent of £420.75 cy. assigned to me – for the benefit of the Fisheries department – and a first Mortgage on his House, Stable and 3 Acres of land with an orchard of 76 bearing apple trees and plums made to me – securing the balance to me; –

Now what say you!! –

I had a letter from Colonel D. Tisdale on last Friday. I am to meet him at 10. a. m – on next Thursday, at the Royal Hotel and talk over your fishery business. – The Col: is very desirous to see me, and I will not fail him! – you see now Judge 2 — for yourself! —

If good weather came round it would be as much to my healthful advantage! but then God is just and good and knows best what is best for us! and I hope he will not punish me more than I can bear. – Your allusion to our late friend Mr Andrew Dobbie – of Bayham – is a just tribute of regard and respect – for a noble woman! in whose praise I am with you heart and soul! – She was a Southbee – from near Cr Down – Township Woodhouse, in the County of Norfolk. – I was at her place in the fall of the year 1846, – and partook of her Hospitality – please her change be a glorious happy one. – Just think the matter over – 42 years ago, I became acquainted with the late Col: Andrew, – Esquire Dobbie whose Adjutant I was in the 3rd Middlesex Militia. – With my warm regards to your Mrs Cuff: and the children, in which I am joined by Mrs Kerr, – and all else here! believe me

Wm Cluney Esqr Yours sincerely –
Merchant. St Burwell, Ont. by John W. Kerr. – J.O.

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Hamilton! Ont.

Sir.- 26. March 1888.--

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft, No:- 432,- for the sum of One Hundred and Ten dollars.-

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for the past year ending on the 31st inst. of December 1887.-

And for this current year 1888,- as follows: viz 1st 1.- Mr Daniel Patterson, of New Glasgow,- Township of Aldborough, being in gulf for a license to fish two Pound Nets.- in Lake Erie.- fronting on the Township of Aldborough.- during the year 1887.-- Patterson has already paid you $90,- and this is the balance in gulf, which he has since procured.- by selling out his rig.- fish and Ice House and dwelling to Abraham Hoover.- of Rainham!- Balance in gulf.- $10.00

2. Abraham Hoover.- of Rainham: "For a license to "fish Four Pound Nets.- single pots.- or heads.- in Lake Erie, "fronting on the Township of Aldborough.- between the West- "ern Limits of C. W. Gauthier's- fishing grounds.- and the "boundary line between the Counties of Kent and Elgin,- "during this current year!" The Gulf amount will be $200.- for the four Pounds,- sent now on a/ct. $100.00

Total.- $110.00

I Have much pleasure in recommending Mr Abt Hoover. for this license.- he paid Patterson quite a bit of money for his House and premises.- Ice House. Fish House. Boat. and an old Pound Net.--

The balance $100,- will be paid before Mr Hoover. commences fishing.-- I recommend that you will be pleased to grant Abraham Hoover this license.- Patterson never recovered his losses caused by Oct. 1st Storm of 1886.- It is a fortunate thing for him to sell out.---

Respectfully Submitted.-

John W. Kerr.- F. Cranssen.

The Deputy Minister.
Department of Fisheries.-
Ottawa. Ont.

Elgin Division!--

Names of Persons to whom Licenses issued in 1888 &c.	Residence.	Locality of Pound or Pounds.	No. of Cows applied for in 1888.	No. of Cows licensed.
Absalom Brown.	Rainham...	Between Western limit of C.W. Gore	the law app.	
	Selkirk P.O.	thro' Gibbs'- and boundary line	plies for 4,	
		between Kent and Elgin...	Do for 1888	4...
J. & W. Gauthier..	Sandwich,	Two Pounds on the East side of lot	the applies	
	and	20,- one pound on line between	for 3 Pounds	
	Sandwich.	Lots Nos: 17 and 16,- 14th Concession	for year	
	Post office...	township of Aldborough....	1888.	3,-
3. Daniel Lang.-	Eagle,-	One Pound in front of Lot	he applies	
	Aldborough,	14.- Two Pounds in front of	for 3 Pounds	
	Eagle Post office.	Lot 21,- 14th Concession Aldboro'-	for 1888.-	3.-
1. Joseph Cage,	Tyrconnell,-	One Pound on line between Lots	They ap=	
and Bro's.-	Post Office.	3 and 4. 10th Concession Dunwich.-	plies for 2,	
		and one Pound between Lots 5,	pounds,	
		and 6,- 10th Concession Dunwich.	for 1888.	2.-
1. Wm Church.-	Tyrconnell.	Two Pounds in front of lot 8,-	They ap=	
and Bro's.-	Post Office.-	and two pounds on a line be-	plies for 4,	
		tween lots Nos: 12 and 13.- 10th	Pounds for	
		Concession of Dunwich....	1888....	4...
4. John Secrion Jr.	Port Stanley	One — the town line between	He has	
	Post office.-	Dunwich and Southwold,.. One	applied for	
		opposite Mr Potts Estate.- One in	five pounds,	
		front of Robins farm. One in	for this	
		front of Mr Potts Estate near the	current	
		D. Campbells.- And one in	year of	
		front of Watkins Barns....	1888....	5.-
2. John Cain.-	Port Stanley	One in front of Lot 4 South	He has	
	Post Office.-	road.- One in front of lot 13	applied	
		One in front of lot 13.....	for seven	
		One in front of lot 7. Yarmouth.	for year	
		One in front of south'a lots....	1888.	5.
			Carried Over:...	24...

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Belgia Division !. Continued...

Names of Claimants Nos Petitions 1887.	Residence.	Locality of Claim or Claims.	Nos of Claims applied for in 1888.	Nos of Claims allowed
		Carried forward.		26.-
8 Thomas Thompson	Port Bruce. Post office. Malahide.	West of Port Bruce Harbour fronting on the township of Malahide to Dexter side line.	One application for 5 Crowns for 1888.	5.-
9 Lyman Young and Sons.	Port Bruce. Post-office. Malahide.	East of Port Bruce Pier. and West of Brown and Rodways west boundary.	They have applied for 5 Crowns for the current year of 1888.	5.-
10 Jno. A. Burns & Wm. F. Rodway	Port Burwell. Port Office.	One in front of 28. front Concession of Malahide. - One in front of the Township line between Malahide and Bayham. - One 2 in front of Lot 5 front Concession of Bayham.	They have applied for 5 Crowns for the current year of 1888.	5.-
11 Wm. G. Lemon. Lemuel Lemon. Wm. Backhouse.	Port Burwell. Post office. Bayham.	East of Port Burwell Harbour as far as the Township line between Bayham and Malahide.	They have applied for 4 Crowns for 1888.	4.-
12 Wm. G. Lemon.	Port Burwell. Post office.	The mouth between Lemon and Rodway fronting on the township of Malahide. Also in front of D. Kings Division. The limits at Port Burwell, provided not to exceed for 6 Crowns, Lemon asks for only 4 Crowns fronting on Bayham.	He makes the application for 2 Crowns only. - it is recommended for 2 pounds for 1888.	2.-
			Total.	42.-

I recommend that the number of Crowns placed by me in the proper column opposite each applicants name - being in the aggregate 42 Crowns, at $50. each, amounting in all to $2.850.00 cts. be granted.
The Deputy Minister Respectfully recommended. -
Department of Fisheries - John W. Kerr. - Fishery Officer. Ont. -

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Memorandum for S.B: Amost Esqre
Fisheries Department. -

Ottawa! Oct. -

I return to you the Pound Net license - issued to A. C. McKinnon. Fishery Overseer - Goderich Division: for The Ket- tle Point, Band of Indians -. McKinnon tells me the Indians refused to take this license or pray for it...

This ends your instructions now to me so far as McKinnon is concerned, - and this is the license I alluded to in my report to you of the 24th instant; whenever you tell me the conclusion you have arrived at finally - in McKinnon's case; I may take another hand in.

With 100 men fishing gill nets - in Lake Huron every winter under the Ice. - fishing on these high clay banks - between Goderich and the Sable and Grand Bend; should be compelled to pray licenses for not fishing - and for catching herring and selling them - Surely we - even the Province of Ontario. -

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After I made my report on the Fisheries of Lake Huron - in the spring of 1872 - and you were the only person who complimented me then; I laid before the Department succinctly the quantity of fish Herring and Trout being caught, the consequence was a license fee was collected by A. C. McKinnon for a time, until the Hon: Alex: McKenzie, became Prime Minister, then it was the Hon: Matthew Colin Cameron, of N.B. of Goderich - finding it for his interest as a candidate - running for Parliament. to have the licenses fee taken off. - off it came then, and there licenses have been off ever since...

It is not a square fair deal. to other Gill net fishermen at Goderich and Bayfield when I was there on the 8th February last. - -

In the year 1872 - I caught Rheumatism for the first time. - During my recent trips - I escaped with the skin of my teeth. - No more! nothing the least of! - By reference to the statistic returns made to the department for year 1887, furnished to me by McKinnon. there were 100 -

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Hamilton! — Ont. —
31. March 1882.

Dear Sir! —

Will you be pleased to find herewith — all you require in your letter of the 28th March instant: —

Except Acct: 342 — for $10 — which I have no Acct of: — —

I send you a Note of two other Acts. you have not asked for! — in 5th and 13th of January last. —

I also send you return for March, ending on Saturday — — for $12, — and $110, —

Deal with my warm Regards, —

Yours Sincerely, —

John Wilson — Jr. —

James L. Webster Esqre
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa, Ont, —

no fishing and they caught of Trout: or Herring. $4100. worth. — It must have been from 1st January — at least twice $4100, — as it is during this particular season of the year this fishing with Gill nets for Herring is most successful — and more Trout — are taken with set Nets under the Ice, —

A couple of Gillers at Dunfield were prepared the open their Nets — if I only gave the word of Command: they would give away.

I saw the most Col: Tisdale, &c. &c. at the Royal Hotel, Hamilton — on Thursday at 10. a. m — on fishery business. — I never got any thing by this Kind of work. — I long letter from Mrs Webster. thanking me for the Cow. V. — she is not able the thank it — she is doubly welcome to it, but you Know the woman kept his word with you, not I. — Some of these when they get up in this Country [illegible] — devils! thank God it is neither you nor I. —

Believe me, Yours respectfully. —

Hamilton, Ont.
22. March 1882 — } J. Wilson Jr

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" February " January 8...

248..	23. Jany. 1888..	Chester A. Harris.-	Licence for 1888.	15.	00.-	Sent to the Depart-	
---	---	--- Wm. Ingledew...	-- do. for 1887.-	5.	00..		
---	---	--- Wm. J. May.--	do - for 1888..	5.	00.-	ment on 23. January	
---	---	--- George Stiphas,-	Licence.- 1888.-	1.	00.-	1888.- Bank draft	
---	---	--- Wm. Jamieson.-	do..	1.	00.-	No: 248.- for the	
---	---	--- Edwd. Cypress...	do..	1.	00.-	sum of Fifty	
---	---	--- Joseph Smith.-	do..	1.	00.-	two, dollars.-	
---	---	--- Isaac Pollock,-	do..	1.	00.-		
---	---	--- John Dynes,-	do..	1.	00.-		
---	---	--- Albert Austin..	do..	1.	00.-		
285..	3. Febry. 1888.-	Thos: H. Herbert.	Sp: Lic: 1888..	1.	00.	Sent to The De-	
---	---	--- Dejna Little..	-- do.. --	1.	00.-	partment on 3rd of	
---	---	--- James Little,-	" do. --	1.	00.-	February 188. Bank	
---	---	--- Patrick Roach.-	" do, --	1.	00.-	draft No: 285, for	
---	---	--- James Smith...	" do. --	1.	00.-	the sum of Nine-	
---	---	--- William Walker..	-- do. --	1.	00.-	teen dollars....	
---	---	--- Donald Reid.-	-- do. --	1.	00.-		
---	---	--- Alfred Bridges,-	-- do. --	1.	00.-		
---	---	--- Charles Smith.-	-- do. --	1.	00.-		
---	---	--- Christopher Case.-	-- do.-	1.	00.-		
---	---	--- Thomas Tyson.-	-- do. --	1.	00.-		
---	---	--- Hugh Tyson.-	-- do. --	1.	00.-		
---	---	--- James Pett.-	-- do. --	1.	00.-		
---	---	--- McKay and Potter, (2 Boys)	-- do. --	1.	00.-		
---	---	--- Charles Dew.-	-- do. --	1.	00.-		
---	---	--- Arthur Batchpole.-	-- do. --	1.	00.-		
---	---	--- James Smeathurst.-	-- do. --	1.	00.-		
---	---	--- Alexander McDonald,-	-- do. --	1.	00.-		
---	---	--- Thomas Jones,-	-- do. --	1.	00.-		

The Deputy Minister.- I certify the above is correct.-

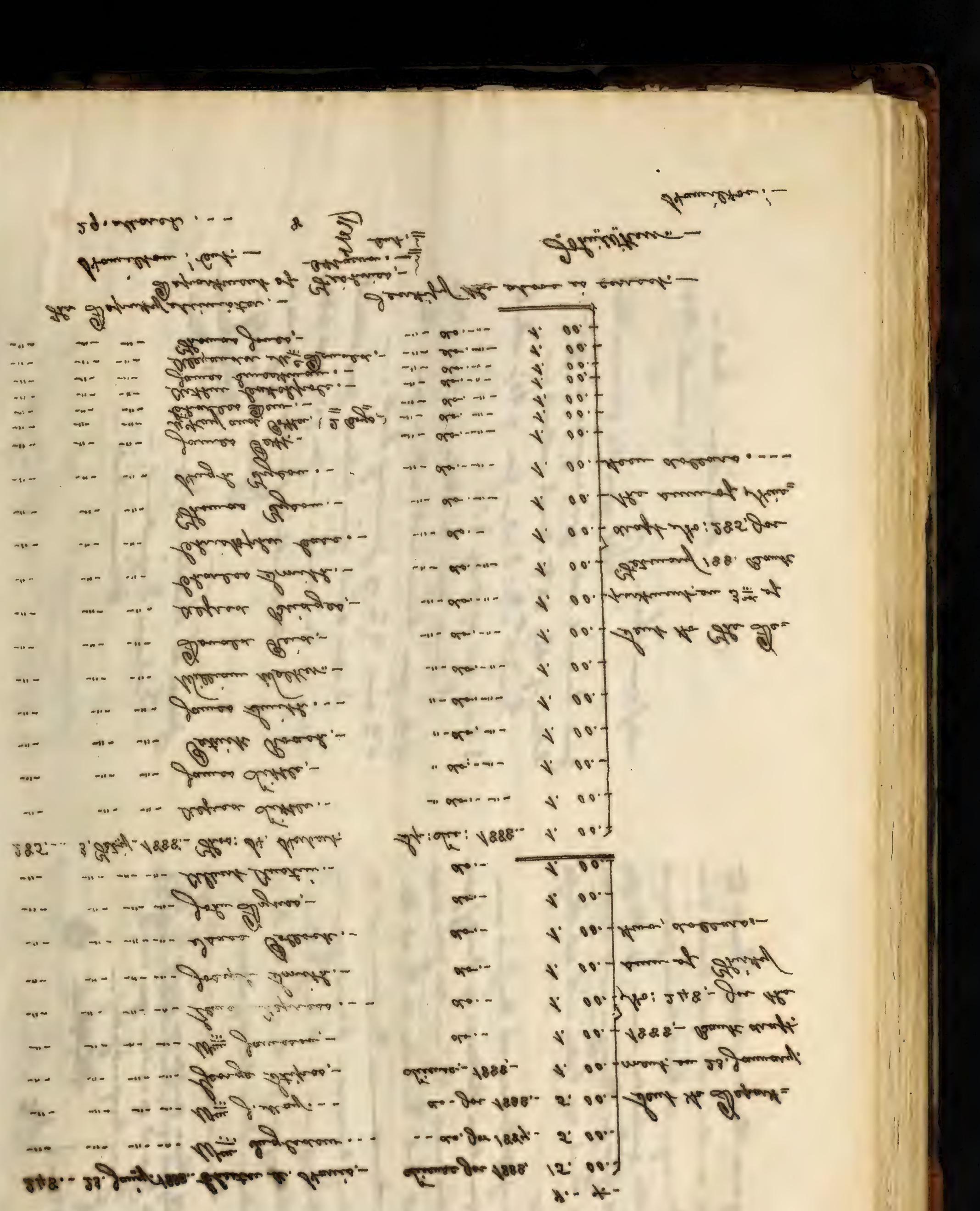
Department of Fisheries.-

Hamilton! Ont.- Ottawa.- 2 Ont.

29. March.-- & 3

J. Whitcher.-

Hamilton!-



February.- 8.-

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312.-	13.	Feb: 1888.-	Robert Clark, Goderich,-	Post Master.		5.	00.-	for year 1887.-
----		-do.-	Arthur Bates.-	Sp: Issue, 1888.-		1.	00.-	Sent to Depart^{t}.
----		-do.-	George H. Davey.-	-do.-		1.	00.-	on 13. Feby 1888.-
----		-do.-	George Brant.-	-do.-		1.	00.-	Bank draft, No:-
----		-do.-	William Johnson.-	-do.-		1.	00.-	312.- for the sum
----		-do.-	J. H. Hawkins,-	-do.-		1.	00.-	of Ten dollars.-

1. Note!- On the 13. January 1888,- I sent you Bank draft No: 217,- for $ 36.- to apply as spearing Licence for Charles Leask, and 35. others: between 20. October 1887,- and the 15th April 1888.-
2. Note!!- On the 5. January 1888,- I sent you Bank draft No: 186.- to apply on a/c^{t} of P^{ts} Net Licence - at New Glasgow Lake Sic, for $ 40,- to apply on 2,- Pounds,- on behalf of Dan: Patterson.

I certify this return is correct, as
set forth herein.- —

The Deputy Minister.
Department of Fisheries,-
Ottawa: Ont.

Hamilton, Ont,
29. March 8

John W. Kerr -
Hamilton,-

March,-

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10. March 1888.	Messrs. William and John McCracken	Fire Ins. Co.	for year 1888,-	5.	00.	Sent the Dept. on the 10. March 1888,- Bank draft No: 394. for Twelve dollars.-
-do.-	Albert Stanfield	Fire Ins. Co.	1888.	2.	00.	
-do-	George Duncan Jr.	-do,-	1888.	5.	00.	
24. March 1888,-	Dan: Patterson. Esq.	Fire Ins. Co.	for 1 year,-	10.	00.	Sent the Dept. on the 10. March 1888,- Bank draft, No: 432. for One Hundred and Ten dollars.- - -
do !-	Absalom Hoover	Life Ins. Co.	for 2 years,	100.	00.	
			ending 1889.			

I certify this return is correct for month ending 31st March 1888.- -

The Deputy Minister.
Department of Customs,-
Ottawa ! Ont.-

Hamilton. Ont.-
31st March 1888.-

J. Whitehead

Hamilton,-
Ont.

Hamilton Ont.
29. March 1888.

Sir,-

With reference to my report to you of the 26th instant, on the Niagara River Fisheries - at Fort Erie, the International Bridge - and Bertie and Willoughby Townships; I have to report for your further information, that I saw Doctor John Ferguson, M. P. P. - at the Grand Trunk Railway Station Hamilton this morning and I talked with him for a few minutes and we reasoned together about the Fisheries - and the few fishermen, who fish seines in the Niagara River, between Old Fort Erie, and Black Creek, - Township of Willoughby: - The Doctors advice to me was, apply to the Fisheries department, and recommend; that Messrs C. A. Harris and Mrs Harris - Fort Erie, - and Nicholas Leavitt of Bertie - International Bridge receive licens to fish in Niagara River, this current year, the same as last year, being at the reduced rate of $15. each - because of the great reduction in the take and catch of fish that has taken place during recent years: owing to the large quantity of fish caught by the Multitude of Tip ups. Hook and line - fishermen - from Buffalo, and Canada, - in Lake Erie: - Besides the filth - continually dumped in to the River, - from the City of Buffalo. - -

Doctor Ferguson - advised me to recommend that all applicants - for same licenses receive them - and I respectfully recommend the same to you: All the fish in the Niagara River, between Fort Erie and the Falls are renewed every year from Lake Erie; chiefly when the Ice is floating down the Niagara River, - from Lake Erie, at the breaking up of the Ice annually. - - I recommend the same.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries -
Ottawa, Ont. -

Respectfully Submitted: -
Thos Wilkes
Fishery Overseer.

Memorandum for S. C. Bansat Esqre
Fisheries Department.
Ottawa!—

I saw Doctor Ferguson, here on yesterday morning with Colonel David Tisdale, M.P. ... The enclosed will now I hope close up that 10 Men petition, and the reflection cast on me by these Petitioners, alike insulted you!— Doctor Ferguson who knows his friends has stood by them in this case.

Poor Peter S. Mettle's son, the stepson of Mr. Mettle of the Crown Land Department some years ago!— whom you know will be able to get a licence this fall, and support his mother in her sad affliction.—

Please send me Smith and Harris licenses, to be the same as last year.— I saw by the papers that J. H. Scott of Kincardine had been at Ottawa:— Mr. Kinnon's case with all before you, is a puzzler, should I go to Grand Bend, &c.— I will find out something about [illegible] the 17th.— Yours truly, John Wilkes.

Hamilton! Ont.—
29. March 1888.—

... Nicholas,—

... our medical friend Doctor ... here on yesterday, and I urged ... license business of yours.—
Please send me now your license fee $ 15.—
and sell your Bottle and that other man to do ... on their license money now $ 5. each, and think I will be able to get them a license each, the bubble has burst.—
I have been successful in my report against the 10. man petition, out of 400 inhabitants.— The Doctor backed us up so that we won.—
It is quite natural your people should view, your ... entitled to vote.—
With my warm regards,—
Yours sincerely,—
John Wilkes, P.O.—

Mr. Smith Esqre
International Bridge,—
P. Office,—

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Hamilton! Ont. —
31st March 1888. —

Friends,
My dear Sirs, —

Yours of the 30th ultimo received. if your son and Edward Joyce wish to fish any Gill nets I may procure for you. — They can only fish the same under license from the Department of Fisheries. — "Fishing by means of Nets and other apparatus in any of the public waters of Ontario is prohibited except under leases or licenses from the Department of Fisheries". — Three months of this year ends today. I will thank you on receipt to send me $5. license fee for a Boat license. — And unless this is done. I cannot allow Wm Reid nor Ed. Joyce to fish any more, they must stop fishing altogether. — —

I have a Bag of gill nets, which I propose sending you, but until you obtain a license and pay $5. for the obtain the same. you can obtain no Nets from me. — —

I will hold no correspondence with you

son at Pt. Credit nor with Edward Joyce, and unless the license is paid for I shall fine the fine them for fishing without a license. Now you understand the terms on which I procure for you the gill nets. —

I hope you are all well. —

Yours truly. —

To Frank Reid. — J. Phil Wilkes — P.O.
" Mrs Charlotte Reid —
" Edw and B. Joyce —

P.S. —

Lest you I was reported by two lying scamps who live in Pt. Credit. for fishing in partnership with you. and getting a share of the profits. I can say to the rules of a scale of a fish. I have never received. — And to give you a help hand I sent your security for gill nets with Mr Larkin. Toronto, and I paid $3.00 for the hire my Boat from Niagara to Pt. Credit and home her to you. till you get a Boat of your own. — J. Wilkes — P.O.

John Williamson Skr.

Hamilton

1st January. / 31st March 3

1855.-						
January.-	9.	On Burlington Beach, collecting spearing &c.		54 & C.-		
		same Day on Burlington Bay.-	1.	25 Miles.	2.	50.-
-"-	10.	Off the St Catharines, saw spearing &c. & stay-		Ry:-		
		of South- getting up returns, along the Lake		Team.-		
		shore to Grimsby.-	1.	75 Ms.-	15.	45.-
-"-	12.	Off to Toronto, to see Mr John Leckie,-	1.	88. Ry: Ms.,	4.	25.-
-"-	17.	At St Davis, to see Coroner D. Sharp & returns,	1.	92, do.,	6.	40.-
-"-	19.	At Brantford and St Catharines getting Do returns.	1.	64. do.,	4.	00.-
-"-	20.	At St Catharines, St Dalhousie and Niagara.-	1.	50, do.	4.	65.-
-"-	21.	At Niagara, thence to Fort Erie, Ridgeway,-		Ry. & C.-		
		back to Black Rock, Bus: Bridge & Hamilton.-	1.	119. Ms.,	4.	50.-
-"-	22.	At Simcoe getting up annual returns.-	1.	30, & C,	2.	50.-
-"-	28.	Off to Toronto, got my annual returns from		Ry Jane,		
		Montgomery- St Lord, George Duncan Jr.		Cat. Ms.-		
		and St Gundring- at Toronto- Island.-	1.	94, & C.	6.	40.-
May.-	6.	Off to Goderich, to see A. C. McKinnon. Esq.		Ry. &		
		Coroner, thence to Kincardine- driving.-	1.	133. & C.-	9.	85.-
-"-	7.	At Kincardine, thence to Tiverton, and to A.				
		C. McKinnon's residence, stopped at Mr Dunns-			"	25.-
		Hotel- Dinner.-	1.	30. & C.!	3.	25.-
-"-	8.	From Tiverton to Kincardine, saw Thomas				
		McJan- fisherman there,- on to Amberley,-				
		had dinner and fed, thence on for Goderich.	1.	45. & C.	1.	50.-
-"-	9.	Off to Mayfield, saw Ferguson and Ross,-				
		two fishermen, made necessary enquiries.-				
		from them.-	1.	30. Team,	2.	50.-
-"-	9.	Paid Board bill at Goderich Albion Hotel.	3.	Board:-	4.	50.-
-"-	10.	Paid for Horse and Cutter for 3 days, for				
		Dinner and Team- and Keep.- - -	"	Ry. & C.	11.	00.-
-"-	--	Off home from Goderich to Hamilton.-	1.	110. -"-	2.	50.-
-"-	16.	Off to Kincardine, on my arrival there,		& C.-		
		I sent for Coroner A. C. McKinnon.	1.	183. Ry:	12.	30.-
-"-	17.	At Kincardine, all day arranging with				
		A. C. McKinnon.- see reports.	1.	Board	2.	50.-
-"-	18.	Off to Port Colborne, Ridgeway, St Abino		& C.-	2.	00.-
		and back to Port Colborne again.-	1.	85. Ry- Ms,	7.	20.-
March.-	8.	Off from Kincardine to Hamilton, after		& C.	2.	00
		seeing McKinnon, see reports.	1.	153. Ry:-	1.	85.-
-"-	9.	From St Colborne,- home back to Hamilton	1.	57½- Ry	1.	85.-
		Carried forward.-	22.	1503½ miles	£	108.00

John William Kerr.. "Earlsmead"—

Hamilton,
1st January. 31st March.... 8

			in Miles.
1888.—			
March 19.	Off to Kirwan's by order from the Comptr for the use of the Kirwan, and finally off to sea. —		22,150 3/4 Miles. 168. 00 1/2 —
" 20.	In Kirwan's all day — engaged on the ging matters for the Department, with Mr Dr Byrne, Lyf & Co, Lees Jr, Barrister, Hamilton. —	30. M v C, 2. 50 1. 15g. Ry Jr. 10. 25.—	
" 21.	From Kirwan to Hamilton. —	1, Board 1. 50.— 1. 15g Ry. Jr, 1. 90.—	
		Totals,	25 1756 1/2 Miles 124. 15 1/2.—
Dec 1. —	January 1st Year — for the Half Pensioners of the Veteran, Irish Island	1. 96.—	4, 50.—
		Grand Totals.	20, 1852 1/2 Miles 128. 65 1/2

Hamilton! Ont.
3rd April 1888.-

Sir,-

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 456.- for the sum of One Hundred and seventy dollars.-

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as Fishery licenses.- for this current year of 1888.- as follows:-

1. Mrs Jane Truitt.- Niagara.- On apt of license- to seine fish in the Niagara River- application made on the 10. March 1888,- sent on apt. $5.00 cy.-

2. Andrew Van Steenburg.- Youngstown,- on apt of license to seine fish in the Niagara River,- at the Yamerins. Ve. application renewed for 1888,- on the 10th March last! sent now on apt.- $10.00 cy.-

3. George White. Whitby.- For license to fish;- to be the same as last year.- license fee sent herewith. $5.00 cy.

4. Jacob E. Thomas.- of Tyrconnell.- For Pound Net license for the fish year Pound Nets.- in Lake Erie- between Lots Nos: 7.- and Lots Nos: 14. in the 10th concession of Dunwich.- sent you on apt herewith! $150.00 cy.

Total,- $170.00 cy.

Mr. Thomas.- fished last year at Horse Shoe, Harbour. he has removed away from there, bought out Mr. Blewett. of Tyrconnell,- giving him a good bit of money.- for his old Pounds,- Boat. Ice House and Fish House.- There is abundance of room for five pounds. it is a good sturgeon ground.- Mr. Thomas is deserving of the indulgence.-

I have much pleasure in recommending the same.- The balances of license fees will be sent you soon.- Respectfully Submitted.-

The Deputy Minister,- John Wilkes.-
Department of Fisheries.- Fishery Overseer.
Ottawa!- Ont.-

Hamilton / Ont. —
4. April. 1888. —

Sir —

I Have the honor to send you herewith for your consideration and approval my account and expenditure incurred on active duty — in Legris and Hamilton Districts ---

It also covers all the expenses incurred by me in making strict enquiries and investigating that sad misfortune of Fishery Overseer A. C. McKinnon in charge of the Federal District — Lake Simcoe.

His account is for the quarter ending 31st of March 1888 — and in all its — $ 138.65 ¢ —

Ded. 1. John W. Kerr — For packing box — — 5.00 ¢ —
2. John W Kerr Paid for Telegraphs — — 2.60 ¢ —
3. John W. Kerr. Paid for Cartages — — — 4.00 ¢ —
4. J. A. Scott — For legal services — — 6.00 ¢ —
5. John W Kerr — Paid for Stationery — — 3.65 ¢ —
6. John W. Kerr — Paid office Allowance, — — 5.00 ¢ —
7. Edward J. Kerr — Boatman, F. — — 30.00 ¢

Total — $ 194.90 ¢

You will please observe that I travelled during the quarter just ended 1852/4 miles on active duty — and I travelled no where except the places my services had been required. —

I — my say — It is a sad thing, when I come to enquire into Overseer A. C. McKinnons — misfortune — happen as it may — personally I am favorably impressed with the man, — his large family of nine children — just the number I have myself. I never met McKinnon before. — For the rest of his life, I hope he will take my advice and not drink on duty. — Not drink at all. give it up altogether.

The Deputy Minister, Respectfully Submitted. —
Department of Fisheries — J. Whitcher — F. O. —
Ottawa / Ont. —

Memo: for S. O. Comst Supt
Fisheries Department.
Ottawa! Ont.

I am inspired to know the Minister's decision in poor McKinnon's case — how has he disposed of it? —

About Lemuel Smith: please do it along! — I send you my yesterday's letter — Henry, — if I cannot anything else in McKinnon — and case — you can take it. — if the Minister does not dismiss him — and I am allowed to go up there I will engage to make a different man of him within another year. —

I had a visit from Mr J. A. McKay, of Gaspé on last Saturday. — It appears J. B. Allen, and he were in partnership a few years ago — fishing Cod nets in Malpeque Bay, — when pound net fishing was stopped — Just recently — J. B. Allen wrote J. A. McKay, telling him he had got permission the fish in Malpeque Bay again and applying to McKay — to sell him — 2. now Council note he has! — McKay will not sell — he proposes going to Ottawa, — he has a proposition to make himself to you and the department he is well backed up, by M. P. and Senators, and hopes to be allowed to fish at his 2. new Nets, and prevent Trout and White fish being by the Netsmen. — tell McKay and his partner — Mr James Black — of Chatham and Gabriel — what call by me last September, when you employed me to get out that Report — on Gaspé Bay. McKay — struck me as a Knave — he will be down to see you and the department shortly, — please bestow on him the light of your countenance. —

L. W. Gauthier — found lately — he had too much frozen fish on Hand, and has been compelled to sell them all over — in every nook and corner at losing prices. — An enterprising man like him deserves better

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2.

Lodi. - Changes amongst the Comm. Offs
— in the Legis Division - of Lodi Dist. -
The changes are also for the better. —
I owe you $150. - the Lion pays on apl. of one
of them. - I have my application for Pa
ready - will send it in next week. -
Would you consider my Journals and
anything extra - in Legis Division - if
so, please pay it. I got nothing
since Pa Cider was this month up. - -
I hope Pa Kinnear may shortly get out
of his trouble, don't you: - I wonder what
the Deputy - thinks of me now. -
I had a letter from Bob Cider - and
I sent him it by Robin Low, - he told
me everything. - And then it was I saw
Mr Ferguson - just on the nick of time. -
Many thanks for your faithful care
over me. - I hope all your people are
now enjoying the blessing which God has
allotted for them. - Yours faithfully. -
Lodi Cal. D. McKinnon Esq
17 March 1886.

Hamilton C.W.
5. April 1858.

My dear Sir.

It has been communicated to me that you have bought out Mr. John Prince - fishing rig of Pt. Stanley - for £500 - Cash - paid £100 - down - which you borrowed from the New Fish Company of Buffalo - U.S. - I suppose you are aware that I am the Fishery Overseer - for Lake Erie - at Pt. Stanley, - and that it is my duty to approve of the agreement entered into between you and Mr. John Prince - Mr. Prince - can sell to you his figured note. Vizt. Cranmer - fish Houses - Ice Houses - fish Boxes - & he has no Lawful power the Fishing ground - Lake Houses - at Tyrconnell, and Houses - at New Glasgow. -

In put a stop to the reflection attempted to be cast on their respectable men - I may tell you they were licensed fishermen - last year - in Lake Erie - and they bought out 2 men - not respectably well off - in fishing business - who paid them a good bit of money - I felt glad they have done so - I was apprised of it, and I have recommended that they may receive each a Pd. Act Licence

Unless you apply direct to me yourself for a licence the fee 5 pounds - I feel some doubt in my mind in recommending either you or Mr. John Prince - for a renewal licence on Mr. Prince - fishing grounds of 1857 - no unlicensed work with me: - Tells it all out, I am entitled to know it direct from you, - the licensee has the fee applied for through me. - I may apply to me direct yourself for your licence yourself: - and as I know nothing to your disadvantage I will recommend you for a licence, when I receive your application. -

Send to Mr. Prince and do it at once. - - -

Yours respectfully, -

Mr. Alley. Brown and Esq. - John W. Kerr. - P.O.
Pt. Act Fishermen, -
Port Stanley - Ont.

2.

February ... 8. ...

3/2, 13. Feb: 1868. Robt. Clark ... Port Dover, ... 60. for year 1867.-
... do. - Dirkin Bates .. Lt Licence 1868. 1. 00.. Sent to Department
... do.. George A. Dancy .. - do. - 1 00. on 13. February 1868.
... do.- George Grant .. - do. - 1 .. Bank draft No
... do.. William Johnson. - do. - 1 00. 3/2.- for the sum
... do.- J. H. Hawkins. - do. 1. 00. of Ten dollars. --
Sent to Department. -
on 1st February 1868.-

342, 24 Feb 1868.. Dan. Lang.- Ont. Net Licence 10. 00. Bank draft No:-
342. for the sum
of Ten dollars. —

The Deputy Minister, -
Department of Fisheries. -
Ottawa. - - -

Hamilton / Ont. -
29. March 8 -

John W. Kerr. -
Hamilton /

Hamilton, Ont. -
9. April 1888...

Sir, -

I Have the honor to send you herewith, for your consideration and approval my account and expenditure incurred on active duty - in Lagin and Hamilton Divisions. ...

It also covers all the expenses incurred by me in making enquiries relative to Duncan, A. C. McKinnon in charge of the Goderich Division, Lake Huron. ...

This account is for the quarter ending on the 31st of March 1888, and amounting in all to ! - - $. 196.15 cts.

Added! 1. John W. Kerr, - For painting Boat, - --- 5.00 cts.
2. John W. Kerr. - --- paid Telegraphs. - --- 2.60 cts.
3. John W. Kerr. - " paid Postages. - - --- 4.02 cts.
4. J. St. Scott. - For legal assistance. - - --- 6.00 cts.
5. John W. Kerr. - For paid stationery. - --- 3.65 cts.
6. John W. Kerr. - For Rent of Office ! - --- 5.00 cts.
7. Edward T. Kerr, - For Boatman, - 1. - - --- 30.00 cts.

Total, - $. 252.40 cts.

Respectfully Submitted ! -

John W. Kerr. -
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries -
Ottawa, Ont. -

John William Keen. –

Hamilton

1st Jan. 31st March. 8

				in Miles,	
1892.					
January.	9.	On Burlington Beach, collecting specimens for Geo. Jones, in Burlington Bay. –		£. s. d.	
"	10.	Off to St Catharines, from young Mr J. Mayof South – getting up returns along the Lake shore to Grimsby. –	1.	25 Miles, Ry. – Team,	2. 50. –
"	12.	Off to Toronto, to see Mr John Lesk. –	1.	75. Ve. –	6. 45. –
"	14.	At Port Dover, to see Curator Sharp, and return,	1.	88. Ry. V.	4. 25. –
"	15.	At Brantford and St Catharines, getting up returns. –	1.	92. do. –	6. 40. –
"	20.	At St Catharines, St Thomas and Niagara, back to Black Rock, S: Ridge. & Hamilton. –	1.	64. do. –	4. 00. –
"	21.	At Niagara, thence to Fort Erie, Ridgeway.	1.	58. do. Ry. & V.	4. 65. –
"	22.	At Winona, getting up annual returns. –	1.	119. Ve. –	4. 50. –
"	23.	At Toronto Island, for Statistic returns. –	1.	30. Ry & C.	2. 50. –
"	28.	Off to Toronto, got my annual returns, from Montgomery, Ward, George Dunan Jr. – and St Goulding at Toronto Island.	1.	96. Ry. Ve. Ry. Lab. & C. –	4. 50. –
February.	6.	Off to Goderich, to inspect A. C. McKinnons division. –	1.	94 Ve. Ry. & V.	6. 40. –
"	7.	At Kincardine, thence to Tiverton. –	1.	139. C. –	9. 35. –
"	8.	From Tiverton to Kincardine, saw Thos: McGaw there, a fisherman, on to Amberley, and thence for Goderich. –	1.	30. Ry & C. Board. Ve.	3. 50. –
"	9.	Off to Bayfield, saw Ferguson and Ross, two fishermen – made necessary enquiries from them. –	1.	45. Ry & C,	1. 50. –
"	9.	Paid Board Bill – Goderich – Albion Hotel,	1.	30. Team,	2. 50. –
"	10.	Paid for Horse and Cutter for three days, for Driver, and Team and Ferry! –	3. –	Board,	4. 50. –
"	"	From Goderich to Hamilton. –			" 50. –
"	16.	Off to Kincardine, on my annual Rounds, sent for Curator, A. C. McKinnon. –	---	Ry. & C,	11. 00. –
"	17.	At Kincardine all day, arranging matters with A. C. McKinnon! – see reports. –	1.	110. do. – & C,	2. 50. –
"	18.	Off from Kincardine to Hamilton, after seeing A. C. McKinnon. – see reports –	1.	183. Ry. –	12. 30. –
March.	8.	Off to Port Colborne – Ridgeway. – Fort Erie back to Port Colborne again. –	1.	Board. & C. –	2. 50. –
"	9.	From Pt Colborne back to Hamilton. –	1.	153. Ry. – & C. –	1. 35. –
"	"	Paid at Pt Colborne – Livery. –	1.	35. Ry. –	2. 00. –
			1.	5/1. Ry.	1. 35. –
			---	40. & C.	3. 00

Carried forward! – 28. 150 ℔. à. ℳ 118. 00 ₰.

1883.					
May	19.	Off to Kincardine to see A. C. McKinnon and finally settle matters with him ...	23.	150 3/4 M.	118 c.
				30. 644 c.	2. 50.
				1. 159. Rf.	10. 25.
"	20.	In Kincardine all day engaged arranging matters with A. C. McKinnon, and J. St. Leslie.		1. Board.	1. 50.
"	21.	From Kincardine to Hamilton.		1. 159. Rf. d.	
			26.	1856 3/4 M.	$134.15 c.
"	"	To allowance for board and lodging during 14 days while engaged in Inverness McKinnon's division, at $2.50 p.	"	"	35. 00.
"	"	To allowance for extra horses while engaged in McKinnon's district or their own division: 14 days at $1.50 p.	"	"	21. 00.
"	"	To extra duties while engaged taking up Overseas Sleeps, and Provisions and stationery ... 4 days at $1.50 p.	"	"	6. 00.
				Total,	$196. 15 c.

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Hamilton! Ont.
7th April 1888...

Sir.-

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 474. for the sum of Thirty dollars.---

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for the warrant now in License Fees- as follows:
1. Nicholas Smith,- Bertie.- International Bridge, For Seine hauling license- in the Niagara River, for current year. to be the same as last year, and the amount herewith is to be the same."- $.15.00
2. Frank Williams.- International Bridge. Bertie.- "For a license to fish a seine in the Niagara River, 100 yards long between French Creek, and Williams Bay.- Townships of Bertie and Willoughby. the amount herewith is.--- $.5.00
Paid
3.- Messrs Frank Reis, and Charlotte- Township Toronto!-"For a Boat License to fish 3,000- yards of Herring gill nets,- in Lake Ontario, fronting on the County of Peel." amount is. $ 5.00
4. Charles Haggaton.- Port Dover.- "For a Boat license to fish 1500 yards of Herring and Pickerel gill net 3½" inch mesh- Extension measure- in Lake Erie,- fronting on the Township of Bayham." the amount is to be,- $ 5.00

Total.- $.30.00

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the same.-

Respectfully submitted and recommended.---

J. Hill Kerr.-
Fishery Overseer.-

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries.-
Ottawa, Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.
9. April 1888.

Sir.-

I have to report for your information, that on the 4th inst. my son Edward T. Kerr, in Burlington Bay near Burlington Beach; under my directions seized about 700 yards of Pike Gill nets, he found illegally set and fishing in the waters of the said bay.

And on saturday the 7th instant my two sons Edward T. Kerr, and Charles John Kerr, under my instructions seized about 700 yards of Pike gill nets illegally set and found fishing in the waters of the bay fronting on the Beach. The Nets contained 18 Pike, when the seizure was made! and all are the property of fishermen resident on Burlington Beach.

Last saturday was a very rough day - Stormy! with the Ice breaking up - Just such a time as fishermen dont expect me or my people; rough weather - Ice breaking up - running mountains high - damaging and injuring my Boat. This duty - I am assure you was honestly and fearlessly done to the surprise of the fishermen, who did not expect we could or would venture out in a Storm. Such is life!

Respectfully Submitted!

J. Phil. Kerr
Fishery Overseer

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries.
Ottawa, Ont.

Hamilton! Ont. —
7th April 1888. —

This will introduce to you Mr. J. A. McKay. Fish dealer, and Fisherman of Goderich and Kincardine. — I have always found him a warm friend and supporter of the Fisheries in Georgian Bay. ready on all occasions, both himself and his Partner, Mr. James Clarke to aid and assist me on many occasions when it became necessary for me to procure important information for the Fisheries Department Ottawa. —

Mr. McKay has been Lastofore, fishing Pound Nets — in partnership with Captain John S. Mecan. in Colpoys Bay. —

I hope if in your power you will be pleased to aid and assist him in every way you can: please introduce him to the

Deputy Minister Major Tilton. —

Mr. McKay. is quite and favourably Known — to the Honorable James Turner. of the City of Hamilton, and to several Members of Parliament. who will no doubt introduce him. — I hope you will be able to assist him to obtain what he wants. —

I am.

Yours respectfully.

John Wilkes.

Fishery Overseer.

S. O. Bennet Esqre.
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa! Ont.

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Memo: for S.O. Dunset Esqre
Fisheries department.—
Ottawa, Ont.—

I send you my incidentals a/c^t. for quarter ending 31st March.- and should be you made it.- I thank you sincerely for the addition thereto!— Please submit the $100.- advanced & send me cheque for balance $ 124.09.- I want to see some of it right away.-

Nothing new up here! you may expect J. A. McKay from Goderich this week, he will tell you all you will to know.- If he passes thro' Hamilton for Ottawa I will see him.— Yours respectfully.-

Hamilton/Ont
9. April 1888.—

—Confidential! strictly private!!

Memo: for J. A. McKay.-

J.S. Deacon has not got that license you requested for. yet!!—

And between you and me,- I dont see why he should be allowed to rule the fisheries department, just because he happens to be supported by Hon. M. C. — Tom of Wiarton, and the other living property in Wiarton! but living at Lions.— I dont think Canada Not giving for Trade and Commerce will be permitted any more in Georgian Bay- if it is!- your chances are just as good as J. S. Allen.

Here is what my friend says about you going to Ottawa!- Tell him to come by all means!— Do you know all the assistance I can?— Now I in your place I would ask for the privilege of fishing your 2. Pound Mesh in some other place- besides Georgian Bay,- you will make friends I expect by doing this.

I dont see any reason why you should not put in application when you reach Ottawa for the license for the Fisheries.— Yours &c.

Memorandum!- For S.O. Bauset Esqre
Fisheries Department.--
Ottawa!- Ont.-

In submitting my application to you for Thirty eight Cross Nets to be issued to persons resident in the Upper Division of Lake Erie. I have a few matters I desire to have brought by you before the Hon. Deputy Minister, Department of Fisheries, Ottawa!- to be adjudicated thereon by him.-

In application No: 11.- made by me for Messrs Wm. H. Lucas and Bro.- The application is made by this Firm, this year- for a license to fish Four pound nets; during this current year!- they limits being considered small for Five Pounds; the application is made for Four pounds- instead of for Five pounds.-

Then I may have report for your information that Mr. D. Sharp- Overseer for Norfolk,- and Houghton- made application in behalf of The Reeve of the township of Houghton for a license last year for the fish One pound fronting on the township of Houghton;

After this license was granted! it was found impracticable for to fish it; and so Mr. Wm. Lucas,- bought the Pound Net from the Reeve of Houghton, and altho' he did not fish this pound during the year 1887. he made something by the transaction.---

As Mr. Wm. H. Lucas,- of Port Rowan, had two Pound Nets, on hand when I was receiving the application for Pound Nets- licenses for this current year. I make application for Mr. Lucas's- it is in a place where no one will be needed.-- It is in D. Sharp's- Division!- and it is No: 12- on my application.-

Colonel D. Tisdale,- M.P.- just- recently talked this matter over with me,- he is warmly disposed in Mr. Lucas's favor.

Hamilton, Ont.- Respectfully Submitted.-
10. April 1888.- John Wilkinson- F. Overseer.

Burton! - Hamilton!!.

My dear Mr. Rankin! - 12. April 1888. -

I send you herewith a draft made payable to me by Wm. Scott, a Fisherman, - for $100. - Also a $5.00 $. bill, Total $105.00 $. - for which please send me payable to The Receiver General, a draft for $105. - to be applied on Fisheries a/c. -

I send you this by Sam Edward, - to whom please give the draft for me. -

Yours Respectfully, -

John W. Kerr -

Fishery Cruiser.

Rankin Eagle

Teller. Va. Montreal Bank. -

Hamilton! Ont. -

Toronto

April 18 8 8

My dear Sir. -

Yours of the 14th. instant is received. I find Mr. John McMullen, of Mattawa River, and Lake Nipissing, Address, - Nipissing - Fishery Overseer, - is the person you are to apply to! - Believe me.

Yours sincerely, -

John W. Kerr -

Fishery Cruiser.

Eagle

Board of Trade

Markham! -

Ont. -

Hamilton! Ont.—
11. April 1888.—

Sir.—

I am in receipt of the following letter from your Hon: Office of the Deputy Minister of Fisheries.

Ottawa, 7th April 1888.—

Dear Sir,—

I enclose copy of a letter from Overseer Sharp which will explain itself.— If Mr Sharp has signed a report he did not understand and which he does not stand by, it should be removed from the records of the Department.—

Yours truly,—
John Tilton.—

John W. Kerr Esqe
Hamilton. Ont.—

Hamilton. Ont.—
11. April 1888.—

My dear Sir.—

When Overseer D. Sharp wrote to you his letter of the 15th of March last he changed his mind of the opinion he had of our Annual Report of the Norfolk Division of Lake Erie; dated Hamilton, 18th of February 1888.— as the following letter will convince you.—

I am, my dear Sir,—
Yours respectfully,—
John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

John Tilton Esqe
Deputy Minister.
Department of Fisheries,—
Ottawa! Ont.—

1.—

-Ex Cruiser D. Sharp,- receiving our Joint Annual
report of the 10th Feby. 1888.- he wrote me thus:—
John Tilson Esqre Iam, Yours Respectfly.—
Deputy Minister of Fisheries- Canada.- J. Whilliker.- F.O.-

Copy.-

Dear Sir,- Port Ryerse, March 1st 1888.

I received my returns from you for the past
year 1887- all right and I also received the report from you
for my division- it was got up in nice style with the ex-
ception of Long Point and Turkey point Companys.? They
dont care a damn for the protection of the fish all they
care for is the protection of there game, but that does not
hurt the report any.- I hope you are getting all right
again.- Please accept my thanks for your kindness
to me.-
John W. Kerr Esqre Yours truly.—
Fishery Cruiser. D. Sharp.—
Hamilton.- Fishery Cruiser.-

Esqre.-

Dear Sir,- Port Ryerse February 21st 1888.

I received my account all right and sent it
to the department but have not received my pay yet;
- I hear there is 8 or 10 Jack Rousers up on the Dun-
nville and I also hear they have been catching a good
many Pike but they also Collect others to Jack in there
Nets.- Would you make them pay Licences, if you
can they have right to pay.- I hope you are get-
ting right again.-
Yours truly.—
J. W. Kerr Esqre. D. Sharp.—
Fishery Cruiser. Fishery Cruiser.
Hamilton.-

What object Coursser D. Sharp has had in departing from the annual report of the 10th Feby past, I know not, you will I hope fare justified in calling upon Coursser D. Sharp to explain!--- and why he wrote to me his letter of the 1st inst March 1888 con. plimenting me for the style &c. of the annual report, dated 10th of February 1888, got up by me with the mutual consent of both - and this is a thing I have done annually - for Coursser D. Sharp - ever since he was appointed up to this present time: and always at his own urgent request. —

Sharp ought to know what he signed, for surely he is not blind, I mailed the report to him after I wrote it. ---

Now with reference to Coursser Sharp's remarks, and opinion of Pikes, Bass and Sturkings spawning, &c. I may here note that you have a long period of 28 years, made familiar with every nook, corner and drawing of the Inner Bay of Turkey point - Lake Erie... That except for about 400 yards of Big Creek, just now where DeMarquis saw mile about 28 years ago!--- I never knew Pikes to frequent Big Creek - feeding on Big marsh in the Township of Walsingham!- at any other place in this Creek....

I have been there frequently during the spawning season for Pikes!- and it is a remarkable fact that the Pikes during these seasons have never been known to pass up Big Creek - as far as the Pikes headway at the Bridge - Bass and Sturkings spawn in the very places in the Inner Bay of Lake Erie, Turkey point - Not Coursser D. Sharp - my Boy dont spawn - nor Pikes spawn there also - I am speaking from personal knowledge, as well as from facts - that came under my observation. ---

In the Inner Bay of Turkey point, Lake Erie, Bass, Pike, Sturkings, Pikerel, Herring &c, also Cat, any fish, speckled Bass - White bass, Green Bass and Black bass, spawn. Sunfish, - Perch and Rock bullet, Shiners, and White fish, Sturkeon, &c - I know also this myself and all

L. O. Rauart, of the Fisheries department, Ottawa; can bear me out in what I here state. — Also on Capt. Carter, Peter Price, of Long point, Lake Erie. —

See the 20th line of our mutual Report, dated 10th February 1888, — it might be made more explicit and clear, if the date 15th of April, was made to read the 15th of June, as that it was intended to be. — I have frequently seen fish in large quantities at Grassy Point. — It was for the interest of the fish, that no more seine nor gill net fishing was recommended jointly by us, Skaps and me between the 15th of April, and the 1st of September, in each year, it was made in good faith, and I never back down when I can see good results will follow. —

Respectfully submitted and recommended. —

David Hoover —
Fishery Overseer.

4. —
Mailed on 13. April 1888. —

Chester A. Harris Esqr.
Fisherman. —
Port Erie. —
Ont.

Mailed on the 13. April 1888. —

George White Esqr.
Whitby —
Ont. —

Hamilton! Ont. —
12. April 1888. —

Sir. —

I have the honor to send you Bank draft. No: 490. for the sum of $105.00 . — —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year as follows: —

1. William Scott. - Ridgeway. - For a license to fish Two Boom nets - single pots, or heads, - in Lake Erie, between - Weed Mile point, and Point Abino, fronting on the Township of Bertie. - the amount sent is. - $100.00.

2. Daniel Lybrink. Clinton. - For a license to fish one seine in Lake Ontario, at the mouth of Hawkins Creek, during this current year; the same being in the Township of Clinton. - — The amount is sent, $5.00

Total, $105.00

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant a license for the above. —

Respectfully Submitted! —
D. Whitelaw —
Fishery Overseer. —

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries,
Ottawa. Ont. —

Mailed on 13. April 1888.—

Mr George Duncan &
Fisherman.—
The Island
Toronto.

Mailed on 13, April 1888.—

Mrs Jane Elliot
Niagara River Fishery.—
Niagara.—
On the Lake!—

Mailed on 13. April 1888.—

Messrs
Wm and John McCracken
Fishermen!—
Port Colborne.

Mailed on 13, April 1888.—

Andrew Van Steenburg.—
Care of Mrs
Jane Elliot
Niagara —on
the Lake!—

Youngstown
U.S.

Mailed on the 13 Apr. 1888

Messrs Gilbank Shumpfield.—
Queenston.
Ont.
Postage.

Mailed on 13, April 1888.—

Rob Gilbank!—
Queenston.
Ont.

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Hamilton, Ont.
13. April 1888.—

My dear Sir.—

I have been expecting a letter from either you or John Raynor — I had a letter from John Robertson — last week. —

By sending me Licence money — they can go on and fish — and I will apply and get up their licence, money is $15. —

I have been kept very busy up on Lake Huron — in February and March — and I go there again latter end of next week. —

I hope you are all well — a sad affair, the sudden death of The Hon: J. B. Plumb. —
I hope he is happy. —

Believe me as usual. —

Yours faithfully. —

Albert Davey Esqre
Niagara! —
On the Lake!! —
Ont.

John Wilkinson
P. O. —

Hamilton. Ont.
13. April 1888.—

My dear Sands! —

Yours received and in reply to your propositions. I may state you in reply. I will trust or sell. —

It was a sad affair. the sudden death of the Hon: J. B. Plumb. —

I would have come down to his funeral but had to be at Kincardine. Lake Huron. at the time. — I am under orders to go to Lake Huron again next week. — I hope you like your situation. —

The fisheries Department treat me very well when they employ me on special duty. —

Kindly remember me to The Collector and with warm regards to you both. —

Believe me. My dear Sir. —

Yours faithfully. —

John Wilkinson. —
P. Comr. —

John Sands Esqre
The Customs. —
Niagara on the Lake! —

Hamilton. Ont.
16. April 1880.—

My dear Sir.—

Yours received & your license for for 1000.— yards — is only $ 5.00 ct. —

You reported to me for fishing on a sunday. — Please dont break the Lords day — You can fish all the fish you require — on the week days, — please send on the money. — Yours Sincerely.—

John Whitton
Fishery Cor.

John Brandfoot Esq
Whitby Harbour.—
Ont. —

Hamilton. Ont.
16. April 1880.—

My dear Sir.—

Yours received, if any one wishes to apply for a license for the fish in the locality of Pickering and Frenchmans Bay.— Please let them do so, and they will receive prompt attention. — Please let me known many yards of gills nets you propose fishing this through the season this year. —

As soon as I get a chance I will drop you a line when you may expect to see me at Toronto. — With Kind regards to you and yours. —

Yours Sincerely.—
John Whitton
F.C.

Thomas Mountjoy Esq
Pickering Office —
The Harbour — Frenchmans
Bay! — Ont. —

Hamilton, Ont.
16. April 1888.

My dear Sir. —

Yours received with its contents, 15- and for which I warmly thank you. —

Re just the money - I receive will send same to the fisheries department, Ottawa, and get up your license. —

With kind regards to you and yours - believe me! - Yours, —

Sincerely, —
John W. Kerr
P.O. —

Wm. Hardy Kinsman, —
Grantham. —
St. Catherines - Ont.

Hamilton, Ont. —
19 April 1888. — —

My dear Mr. Emery. —

I applied in the usual way for a Pound Net license for you to fish as follows: during the present season of 1888: "With two Pound Nets only, each with a single Head or Pot." in that portion of the public waters of Lake Erie midway between Swan and Bates fronting on the Township of Walsingham. — The annual fee is to be $100. - payable in advance. — —

Please as convenient please send me cheque and you shall have the License for this current year of 1888. —

I have not been very well. — I hope you are all well. Give my warm regards to Mrs. Emery and the children - and believe me. —

Yours Sincerely, —
Wm. H. Emery Esq. — John W. Kerr. —
Merchant. Port Burwell. — Fishery Overseer. —
Ont. —

Sarnia, 21. April 1888.

Mr. Charles Hagelow,
Fort Burwell.

Sarnia, 21. April 1888.

Frank Williams, Esq.
International Bridge Co.
Buffalo.

Sarnia, 21. April 1888.

Frank Williams, Esq.
International Bridge Co.
Buffalo.

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Hamilton. Ont. —
21st April. 1888.

William Emery. — William Backhouse Esq. and Henry Swan. — Esqrs.
Port Burwell. Ont. —

Gentlemen. —

Licence! —

You can have a. . . . from the Deputy Minister. Department of Fisheries. Ottawa. . . . "For the fish Four pounds. single Pots. or Stands." during this current year of 1888: at the usual rate of "Fifty. dollars." per annum!! —

"The limits are to extend from the western pier of the Harbour at Port Burwell. Harbour . . . . and fronting the Townships of Bayham. and Houghton! to the extremity of 100 yards in the Houghton . . .

"Yours respectfully. —
D. Wilkie. — —
Fishery Overseer. —

Hamilton on 28. April 1888. —

William Scott Esqre
Owner of Fish Schooner. —
Ridgeway. —
Ont. —

David Lyttle Esqre
Hamilton. —
Burwell, Ont. —

Hamilton. Ont.
20. April 1888.

Sir. -

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No. 517. for the sum of Ten dollars. - -

Will you be pleased to apply this ast. this amount for this current year as follows: - - for. 1. John Proudfoot of Whitby. - - For a Boat license to fish 1000. yards of Pike gill nets in Pickering Harbour: for this current year 1888." amount is $5.00
2. Wm. Stodgkinson. Grantham, and Lake Ontario. For a Boat a license to fish a smale seine in the mouth of Twelve Mile Creek: - And also the privilege of of fishing 1,000. yards of Herring Gill nets - fronting on the mouth of the same and in the said public waters of Lake Ontario, fronting on the said Township of Grantham. for year ending 31st. December 1888." - -

$5.00
Total.. $10.00

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant these licenses. -

Respectfully. submitted: -
J. Phillikers. -
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister
Department of Fisheries.
-Ottawa. Ont. -

Barton. Hamilton. 24. April 1888.

Wm. Rankin Esqr. Teller! Montreal
Branch. Hamilton! -

My dear Sir! -

Will you be pleased to send me Bank draft, as per draft herewith for $250.00 - made payable to my order - from Ogilvies Branch, - dated 20. April 1888. - and is for Two Hundred, and fifty dollars - and charged to the account of this office - as advised to, The Molson Bank - Signed. -

Hamilton. - - W.H. Drewery.
Manager. -

From weakness and infirmity, I am unable to come down there - but the Draft will be made payable to Ogilvies Young & Sons. of Ot. Bruce. and is for a fishing license which

Hutton. J.O.

Hamilton. Ont.
25. April 1888.

Sirs.

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for collection, Bank of Montreal Draft, Sydenham Branch, for $250.00 No: 8,200. April 20. 1888. - payable to me in the usual way, as a Railway Officer, and which I have endorsed. The amount is $250.00.

2. - Please draw Bill of Exchange for $250. Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, at Post office Order, dated April 23rd 1888, - in the usual way. - for :-

$100.00	
payable to me also :- Total. -	$250.00

which I have signed - in the usual way. Will you kindly send Order here in Bank Bank draft for three Hundred and fifty dollars.

For to apply as License fees. - for the current year of 1888.

Yours respectfully,
John Wilkes - F.O. -

Wm Rankin Esqre
Toller
Montreal Branch -
Hamilton. Ont. -

Hamilton. 6.

Sir. 5. April

I

from

Mr

when ... as a Fishery Officer, and which I
have endorsed the amount ... £25
2. From Wm ... ... Esq ... 6.
Post-free ... ...
... ...
... ... Total ... £350.00

which I have signed in the usual way.
Will you be pleased to let me have a
Bank draft for Three Hundred as the
salary.

I am to apply as License ... for the
year ... of 1880.

Yours respectfully
John ... F.O.

Wm Rankin Esq.
Assistant Branch
Hamilton, Ont.

Wm. G. Lowry. Esqr
Manchester.

Dated 25. April 1883

Sylvanus Lowry. Esqr
Manchester

Port Bruce. Ont.

100

250 00/100

14. ##/100 Dollars.

Wm. G. Lowry. Esqr
Manchester.

Dated 25. April 1883

Sylvanus Lowry. Esqr
Manchester

Port Bruce. Ont.

250 00/100

14. ##/100 Dollars.

Hamilton Ont. -- 28. April 1888. --

Sir. -

I have the honor to send you Bank cert. No: 529. - for the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars. --

Will you be please to apply the amount for this cert. as follows: - and I remain, with that the same be acceptable, I am, Sir, Your obt. Servt.

1. William G. Emery. - of Port Burwell.

For the sum of One Hundred dollars, - in connection of payment made on the delivery of this license. - payment. For $ 350.00 - made this 25th day of April 1888. - for Lyceum Fishing Co. of Port Burwell. Lake Erie, $250.00 - .

2. Wm G. Emery. - Merchant. -- 100.00 - Total $ 350. -

The total amount already received, is hereby sent you as per Order dated 25th April 1888. for $350.00. - payable and which will be seen at The Receiver Generals Credit, - with Bank of Montreal - Hamilton. - See No: 529. -

Respectfully Submitted. --

J. H. Wilkes. -

Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries.
Ottawa. Ont. -

John Crotty Esqre Jr
Scotland - Va.
Bothwell - Ont.

Hamilton - Ont.
26. April 1888.-

My dear Crotty,-

It appears from every thing coming recently under my personal observation that you should have received an increase before this in your pay and allowance. - - -

Give Mr Henry Smith every assistance next week at his location and return him on the 2nd of next month: - and get our friend amongst his friends to do likewise for Henry Smith Esqre

I allude to Timothy McQueen Esqre Get Mr McQueen to move lively for friend Henry Smith - at the approaching election. - - -

Yours Sincerely
John W. Kerr

Captain Thompson - Ft Bruce - Ont.

Hamilton - Ont.
My dear Sir, 26. april 1888.-

Yours containing $ 6.00 cts received from you this day. - Recently I had a letter from Ottawa enquiring why I changed the program for your application for a license to fish 3 Pound nets - between Dexter Side Line - and the west side of Port Bruce Harbour - for the purpose of fishing - five Pound Nets - during the present year. - Please send me on your money $ 250.-00 cts. - for this license on receipt. I received license from money from from Ottawa - and I sent Youngs & sons - their license on yesterday. - I may have told you, the Hon: Thomas White. M.P. Minister of the Interior, Ottawa - who died and was buried on yesterday - at Montreal. - His father lived in Killmarnock - I knew his father there. - Yours &c. John W. Kerr Esq.

Hamilton, Ont. -
27. April 1888. -

Sir. -

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: - 537. - for the sum of Eight dollars. - - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this season, as license fee, in Lake Erie, fronting on the Village of Port Bruce. - - - In the name of George Moyse. - - for fishing 450 yards of a common Seine: the same to extend for the balance of this year ending 31st of December 1888." -

The total amount of License fee paid is only Eight dollars." - - -

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license. -

Respectfully submitted and recommended the same. - -

J. Whitakers -
Fishery Overseer. -

The Deputy Minister. - -
Department of Fisheries. -
Ottawa. - Ottawa.

Hamilton Ont.
28. April 1888.

My dear Hellewell,-

I wish to have a few words with you on next Monday - at the Union Station Toronto - when Trains from East and West arrive - on fishing matters, - say about 10. a.m. - I have been very unwell, but I feel better somewhat this day. - -

I have no news of importance. - I hope you are in the enjoyment of good health. - - and believe me as usual. - - Yours Sincerely,-

John Wilkes
J.P.

Wm Hellewell Esqre
J. P. - Highland Creek. -
Ont. -

Hamilton Ont. -
28. April 1888. -

My dear Nurse. -

Meet me at 10. a.m. - next Monday - at the Union Station - at Toronto: I wish to see you on a few fishing matters. - - -

I have been sick but I expect to get all o.k. - Kindly remember me to Mrs Nurse - and family. - Hurley Yes. Have your lawyer see for me - and with my warm regards as as usual, I am as usual - and old Friend and a conservative acquaintance. -

Yours Sincerely, -

John Wilkes P.C.

Charles Nurse Esqre
The Number Two. -
Post Office. -
Ont. -

Hamilton. Ont.
28. April 1888.—

My dear Old friend! —

Yours received — Mr James Simpson has no authority — so far as I understand the case to-day — but finding ground on Toronto Island — he made efforts I have to get there — but so far as I have been able to find out — has failed. — I will come down by the end of next week — I am now here on Monday morning next and see you and all others concerned about Mr James Simpson — and this alleged fishery — on the Toronto Island. —

I hope you are all well. Kindly remember me to your mother. — and with my warm and kind regards. — I am — My dear friend! —

Yours faithfully
W. Wilkes

Wm Lee Esq
The Island.
Toronto. Ont.

Memo: for Wm Rankin Esq
Keeper — Montreal Branch — at Hamilton. — for $25.00 ct. — for year 1888. —

By the enclosed you will be pleased to find $25.00 ct. —

Mr C. Nurse, is a good Hotel Keeper at Humber Bay, where he pays liberal to fish $25.00 ct. —

This is for year 1888. —

Will you be pleased to let me have the usual B. draft. for $25 ct.

Yours respectfully,
W. Wilkes
P.O. —

Hamilton. Ont

Memo: for John Price Esqre. —
Port Stanley. —

You [illegible] whenever a [illegible]
send me Licence accordingly for. — —

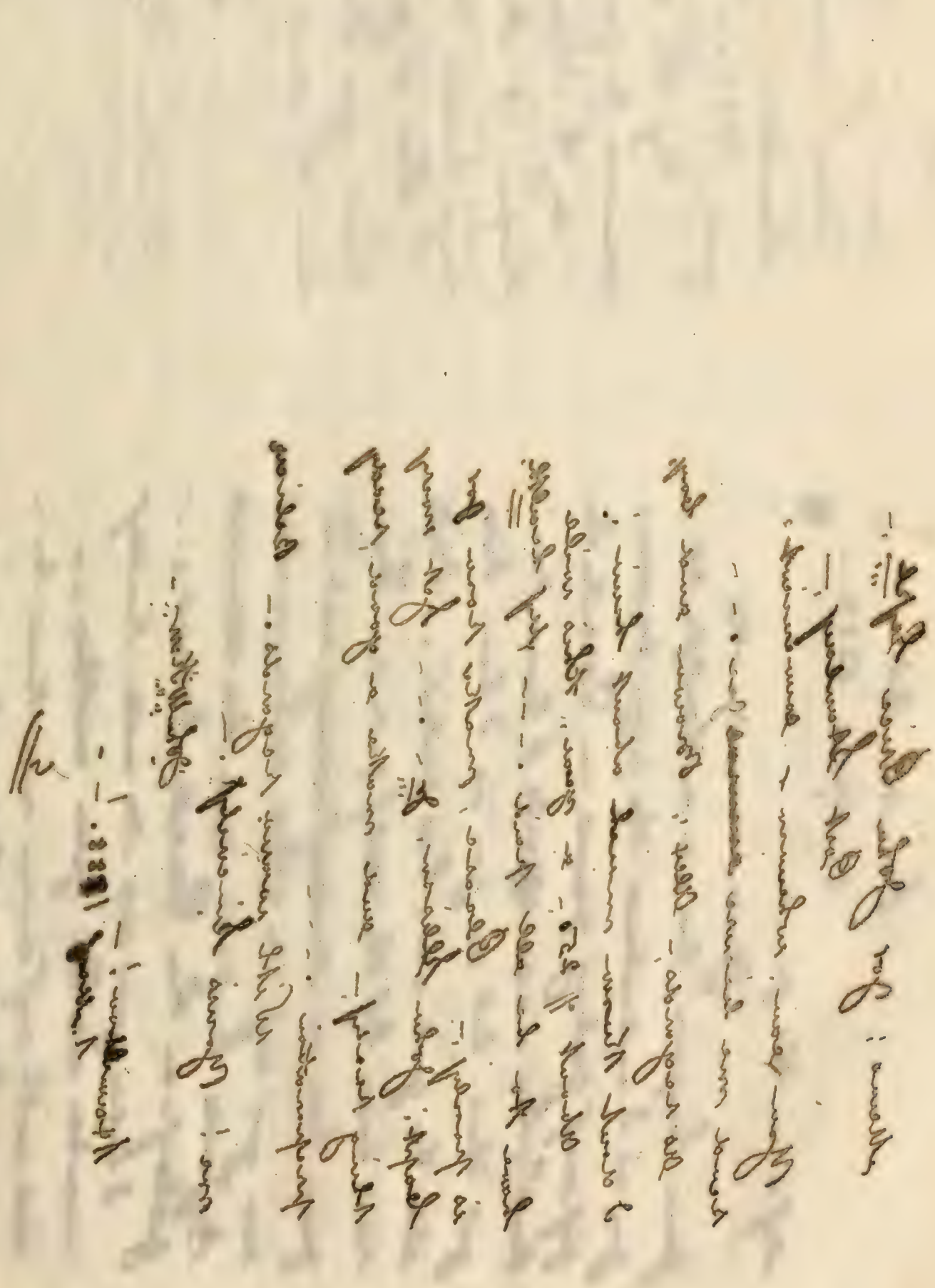
Ors regards. — Alex. Brown and boy.
I dont Know much about him:
about £250. a year. this will
have to be all paid. — — My health
is poorly. — Please, make Room for
Capt. John Price, Do. — — — Get every
thing ready. — and make a good ready
preparation. — — —

With warm regards. — Believe
me! Yours Sincerely! —

John Wilkes. —

Hamilton! —
1. May 1838. ! — —

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Sir,

Ottawa, May 1st 1888.

I have the honour to forward herewith a certificate, No. 3, for 1887

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Barton. Ont.
2 May 1888.

My dear Sir.—

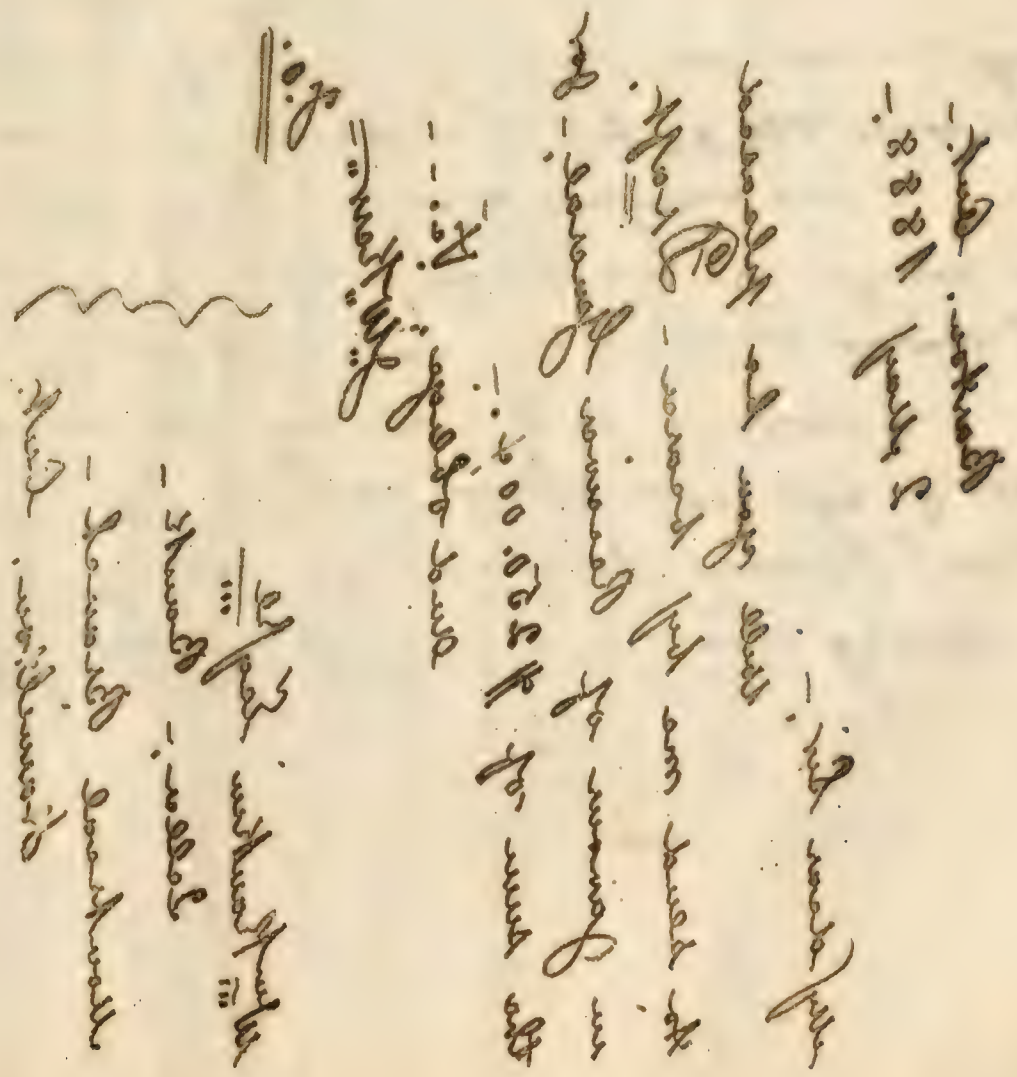
Will you be pleased to send me by bearer — Draft in favour of Receiver General — for the sum of $250.00 ¢.—

and oblige, Yr. — —

J. W. Kerr —

J. O.

Wm Rankin Esqre
Zeller. — Bank —
Montreal Branch —
Hamilton. Ont.



Hamilton. Ont.
2. May 1888.

Sir, -

Will you be pleased to forward Bank draft No: 8 for the sum of Twenty five Dollars. -

This amount is to be applied as the annual license for $25.00. - on behalf of Wm. H. Howe - of the Humber Bay - Lake Ontario: - - - and applies for him only within the limits; set down between Gibraltar Point. - The Water Line to at Park dales: The Humber Bay - and extreme limits of the County of Peel - in connection with the limits of Station for year 1888. -- This is to be and is issued as signed by Mr. H. Wallace, M. P. Vr. and agreed to, between the Lessee and the Fisheries department. for year 1888. --

I recommend the amount $25.00 as given for year 1887. - be and continue the same as for your approval. for year 1888. -- Vr. Sr.

Respectfully recommended for your approval.

John Wilkes -
Fishery Overseer -

The Deputy Minister
Department of Fisheries. -
Ottawa. - Ont. -

Hamilton, Ont.
2. May 1888.--

Sir,

I send — Bank Draft No. for the sum of Two Hundred and Eighty dollars.--

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as Interest for the purpose of paying Pine Grove Road in Lots Nos between the West side of Red River Settlement and Dayton Town line - the same — "Temple Trustees" or "Pro. Treas."

During the current year of 1888.--- the total amount to be Two Hundred and Fifty dollars —

Respectfully Submitted and Recommended"—

J. Lewis
Trustee Agent

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Indian,
Ottawa, Ont.—

Hamilton, Ont. —
7. May 1888. —

Sir. — —

I send you Bank draft No: 22, for the sum of $ 260.00. — to apply

Will you be pleased to [illegible] of this amount on Lake Erie — for 1887 and for years 1888. — Total $ 10.00. —

And the balance you will be pleased to apply for the year 1888, a rogther for George A. Brown, — and Wm. H. Lindsey, — of Port Burwell, for current year 1888. — in Lake Erie, between Pt. Burwell and and Dexter side line. —

Yours Respectfully. —
John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

... Lake Erie x $ 250 x. — for ... ear 1888. —

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The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries —
Ottawa — — Ont.

Hamilton May 14th 1886

Sir

I send you all monies and licenses that in my possession what I will do with Mr Richardson Montague anything you require write and I will attend to it

I remain yours
Respectively
Fred Kerr

To the Deputy Minister of Fisheries

Sir This 14th day of May to the Fishery Department the following Money Order $5-00 P.O. Grand Bay to Erie Page. & Belcombon Post office Order for $10-0.00 John Price Port Stanley $25-0.00 John D. and Clinton $100 for licenses Total Amount $35-6.00

Signed
Fred Kerr
Hamilton

Hamilton ontario

May 25th 1895

Sir

In reference to your communication of the 16th inst. received to-day I beg to [illegible] Sir Frederick Middleton [illegible] Sir Adolphe Caron [illegible] Sir John [illegible] Sir Hector Langevin [illegible] Sir Mackenzie Bowell [illegible] Sir Charles Tupper [illegible] Sir Wilfrid Laurier [illegible] Sir Oliver Mowat [illegible] Sir Richard Cartwright [illegible] Sir Donald A. Smith [illegible] Sir Joseph Hickson [illegible] Sir Henry Pellatt [illegible] Sir Edmund Walker [illegible] Sir William Van Horne [illegible] Sir Thomas Shaughnessy [illegible] Sir Edward Clouston [illegible] Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor [illegible] Sir Percy Girouard [illegible] Sir Gilbert Parker

an Indian as he said the Indians were to
pay no license fee and he London was re
fused a license on the Reserve by the Depa
artment he was going to try and fish
his nets from ... I informed him that owing
Couse and ... decision forever of license the
Indians ... the ... Reserve ... he then
wished me to apply to the Department for a
License for ... on Station No 25 Indian
Reserve. On station No 3 Moses ...
to Fishing a Double Headed ...
On 1st Station No 2 Point, Point George et
... one Double Headed Pound net and also
one set. ... Burly Station opposite
Lots No 28.29 ... of ... but
subsequently there is no fishing, or applica
tion for the Station at present
Myself and P.A. Couse have decided that
licenses be granted to the following names
Geo R Taylor Station No 2 one Double Headed pound net $80.
James Burns " 3 " " " " " " 80.
Harry Ford " 6 " " " " " " 80.
G. W. Smith " 7 " " " " " " 80.
R. Smith " 9 & 10 Double Headed Pound net " 160.
John Burns " 10 one Single Headed pound net 50.
John Welsh " 11 one Double Headed P. N. 80.
F. Sears " 12 " " " " " 80.
Geo. Black " 13 " " " " " 80
Johnstone " 14 " " " " " 80
Myself & Couse received license fees from
all those marked paid in Book of Rules
Hyde Esley promised me that he would pay the
Couse, James Burns. and he to be given
license fees by Saturday of next week

Mr. Cowan to deposit the money in the Bank
of France and send the Certificate of Deposit
to the Minister.
Mr. Wilkins and to Kettle Point Indian
Settlement to [illegible] a license for the
Sale of [illegible] to the white persons will
Control the [illegible] Agency of the Indians
not understand the Business it would be
expedient for the Fishermen to Cause the
they will [illegible] Fish they pay a Fee to
a new Boat will [illegible] and
Net a Fish [illegible] in the
the Indians will [illegible] pay for they might
Sell the [illegible] on
Lower Lake & will Complain that Burbank
pays but half the Rent we [illegible]
Land for there [illegible] of the Lease they bring
the Lease The Indians would allowed the
Indians to Fish as [illegible] on the Condition
that the Indians were to pay License Fee which they
Never Like, they [illegible] to Fish [illegible]
up to the Complaint [illegible] the way for Mackinaw
from the [illegible] Station
M.S.R.R. in a Recline with the Lake Letter G.
J.J. they would be able to get without Crossing
in Contact with the Indians reserve as the line
is now here he would be unable to Set without
Crossing into Reserve ¼ mile from the Shore
Fishers a good deal of dissatisfaction among all
the Fishermen with regard to the Mackinaw
Station I have been Charging the same Rates
Station I [illegible] Recommend before another

3.

[illegible] Lessee to inquire that the
Department for these stations properly laid
before us to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Port Darwin
[illegible] Complaints among the
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the men [illegible]
Contended that if
would [illegible]
then a law [illegible]
what is right [illegible]
eight days ret at Port Franks fishing
there now at present with no license and
I understand that [illegible] last year
without a license for which I [illegible] for your
information

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Fred[illegible] Kerr

To Hyam[illegible] Tilton Esq
Secretary Minister
Customs Treasury Sydney

Hamilton 26.1893

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your Letter of the 16. Instant. a. Draft for $200.00 Licensee for a Pound net for George Bird I must say I am glad to the Department Ottawa for which they sent me a receipt for the same to my application it not [illegible] as yet I am not in a position to forward your license for the Dept. in consequence of the time of Father death to send back all licenses that was in my possession. I hope to be in a position in few days to be able to recommend George Miller for a cope License. Would you be so kind [illegible] with the Department in my behalf as I am afraid they will Divide the division I would have answered your letter before but the Dept instructed me to proceed to Kettle point District to regulate the pound net fishing left us undone by my late Father through his illness at the time he was there

Hoping this will find you and family all well.

I remain Yours Truly

Jno W. Emery Esq
Manager C. P. R.
Port Hope

Fred. Miller
Capt.
Hamilton

Hamilton May 26 1884

Sir

Enclosed you will please find letters sent me by L. A. Smith of Port Col borne & Thos Collins of Hamilton Lake Ontario, also one from Webster the Deputy Inspector from Point Edward applying for the privilege of fishing a single Pound net on Station No 35 Township of Plympton County of Lambton on Lake Huron I met Mr. Rauer of Niagara last Monday as I was boarding the train for Lake Huron he wanted me to come down there at once as there was some trouble about his fishing ground. Please inform me what I am to do in the matter

I remain Yours
Respectfully
Fred G Neer

To Major J Tilton Esq
Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

Hamilton May 26th 1888

Sir

Mr Alex Rolla of Burlington Beach informed me that he paid my late father the sum of $10.00 for licences for [illegible] landing ground at 50 for the [illegible] and 1888 $5.00 fee for each year The Bank D[illegible] at $0.25 for the boom of $60.00 $2.50 of that amount was for George A Bascom and William H Cudney of Port Burwell Lake Erie for the year 1888 The balance $10.00 is for Alex Rolla as he informed me of the omitted in his ~~in his~~ letter to the Fishery Department on the 7th of May Last

I remain yours
Respectfully
[illegible]

To Major D Pelton C.B
Deputy Minister
Fisheries Department
Ottawa

Hamilton May 29th 1877

Sir

I have received an application from [illegible] for a --
license to fish for trout in Lake Ontario
This is the second time that the Department
refused a license to [illegible] and instructed
the Fish Inspector to return his license fee --
$5.00 back to him which he did. I dont feel
disposed to recommend him under these
circumstances. I herewith send you his letter
to me for your perusal and consideration

To Major J Tilton &c
Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

I remain Yours
Respectfully
Fred K Kerr

Hamilton 30/4/88

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22 instant I am instructed by the Fishery Department to -- ascertain from you where you want to fish and with what kind and numbers of nets please send full -- particulars in your application and I will transfer it to the Fishery Dept --

I remain yours
Truly
Fred'k Yker
J. P. -

May 9th 1888.

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find the sum of $8.00 fifty dollars for one Hundred Plum trees purchased from your Firm by the Late John W. Yker of the Tolyeship of Barton Hamilton P. Off. Please send receipt in name of Mrs John W. Yker administrator to the estate and Obliege

Fred'k Yker
per
Mrs J. W. Yker Executrix
Hamilton
Box 175

Beadle Nursery
Box 82 St Catharines

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Hamilton June 1st 1888

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will please find an illustration and drawing of the Rogers patent Fishway I cannot find any specification. you had better write to the Dept for them they will be able to give you which you required I am not able. to come across your report on the different streams in your section which you say — you sent my late Father it seemed to get astray somewhere I will take another hunt and find it if possible and send it to the Dept

Father poor old man died rather sudden on saturday three days before he died he and I passed through London from Sarnia home when he remarked that he would like to see his old friend Peter McCann Hoping that you

and your Family all are all well

Remain yours
Truly
Fred C Gerrie
Fishery Overseer

Peter McCann Esq
Fishery Overseer
London

Hamilton June 1st 1858

Dear Sir

I received your kind favour of the 25th ult. and observing the
terms you propose for the Copper Patent Stoves and Fires are
quite satisfactory, you have therefore my leave to
proceed with the Patent. You will be able to
judge when I can receive from you the Stoves.
I am very sorry to hear that Mrs Hall has been
so long ill, I hope she is now quite recovered.
I am dear Sir
Yours very truly
Thomas Hall Esq
Stoke Newington
London

Hamilton June 1st 1858

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has been so long ill, I hope she is now quite recovered.
I am dear Sir
Yours very truly
Thomas Hall Esq
Stoke Newington
London

Hamilton June 1st 1888

Sir.

You will find enclosed the sum of $6.00 Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year as follows -
1st John Babcock of Burlington. $5.00 for a boat License to fish one thousand yds of herring gill net in that portion of the public waters of Lake ontario fronting on the Township of East Flamboro and Nelson from abreast of the old Outlet to opposite the old wharf at Burlington
2. John Colling of the Town of Burlington $1.00. for a Licence to fish 500 yds of Herring Gill Net to catch Herring for his own use in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Township of Nelson east of the old wharf. Not in Burlington Bay.

Jno John Babcock $5.00
John W Colling $ 1.00 Total $6.00

I have been informed by John Hazel and David Hicks that there is a great many small white fish caught in Herring gill net set along the shore so it was the usual custom of the late Overseer to ordered them to take their net up about this time of the year day from the 1st of June until the first of Sept. Please give me instructions in the matter

I remain yours
Respectively
Fred. Kerr

To Hon J Gibson Esq
Dept of Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

Hamilton June 26 1888

Dear Sir

I received yours of the 26th I have not been able to go down there as yet but will go as soon as I possibly can. You say your License has not come yet you never made no any application for license to me as yet you may have made one to the Late Inspector but I have no record of it You have better send me a written application and I will forward it to the Dept that is if you have not sent one already Please state in your application what you want stating the kind of nets you use and limits of fishing grounds and I will attend to it

Yours Truly
Fred^k Kerr
I. O.

E. O. B. Wollard
Port Credit

Hamilton June 7.1

Sir:

I have the Honor to send you an application for a License to catch Salmon Trout &c. with nets in the waters of Lake Ontario near Pickering by W.D. Gordon -- I herewith send you his letter of June 1st. with a petition and approval

I have the honor
to be Sir
Your obedient
Servant

To Major J. Dalton Cozzi
Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

Hamilton June 14th 1885

Sir

Enclosed you will please find the sum of $5.00 five dollars from A. P. Shaw Port Erie for License to fish 300 yds of net for Catch Pike Herring & Sturgeon I also send you his letter dated June 11

All of which is respectfully submitted

Major J. Tilton Esq
Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

I remain your
Obedient Servant
Fred K Kerr

Hamilton June. 13. 1884

Sir

I herewith send you a postal Card from Peter Kirk Fisherman of Port Dalhousie address to me on the 12th Complaining of the Hand brothers Fishermen from Winona of catching small fish illegal, he does not mentions what kind of fish but I expect they must be small white fish he complains that they are Fishing on his ground Lake ontario He wants me to come down and investigate would you be pleased to give me instructions with regard to the matter

I remain your
Obedient Servant
Fred. K Kerr

To Wyond Jr Filton
Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

Hamilton June 14 1884

Dear Sir

Received your letter
dated the 11th Containing the sum of
$.5.00 for a license which I forwarded
to the Fishery Dept at Ottawa which
they gave me instruction to do since
the decease of Father as your letter
was addressed to the late Overseer
who died on the 6th of may last
and his successor has not been ap-
pointed as yet I am acting proxy
only. any Communication from
you will be attended to.

To A. P Shaw Esq
Port Erie

Your truly
Fred'k Kerr

Hamilton June 19 1884

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to state to me in writing where you want to fish is it in the Niagara River or in Lake Erie and please described limits of ground and state what kind of net gill &c you intend to use as the Fisheries Dept is not able to make out Licence without proper description of fishing grounds and net. Enclosed is note from Dept requesting me to ascertain full particulars with regard to your Application &c & the description as earlier as possible

Yours truly
Fred'k Wyatt
H. Overseer
Hamilton

Yr A P Shaw
Port Erie
Ont

Box 175

Hamilton Nov 19 1884

Dear Sir

Received your letter -- dated the 11th Inst enclosing the sum of $5.00 for a license under Provisions of the Fisheries Act at Ottawa which please issue to you as per your letter of the 6th Inst. Please observe the provisions of the Act as to close seasons &c &c. The Act forbids any person to fish in the Niagara River at any time between the 1st day of April and the 15th day of November in each year. Any person acting contrary to the Act will be liable to a penalty.

Yours truly
Fred'k Wyatt
H. Overseer
Hamilton

To A P Shaw Esq
Port Erie

Hamilton June 23rd 1888.

Sir

I have the Honor to send you a correct discription of an application of A. P. Shaw of Port Erie to fish of which I forwarded you a copy to the Dept for a License & he want a Boat License to Fish with gill net to catch Pike Herring & Sturgeon in the waters of Lake Erie from South of River Niagara to Point Abino

& on the 14th inst.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

To D. P. Bauset Esq
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

I remain Your
Obedient Servent
Frederick Kerr

Hamilton June 23rd 1888.

Dear Sir

I forward you herewith application of A. P. Shaw of Port Erie for permission to fish with gill nets for Pike Herring & Sturgeon in the waters of Lake Erie from South of River Niagara to Point Abino. Mr Shaw states that he has been engaged in catching fish with seines for the past 5 years and that he has always used seines with 2½ inch meshes for catching white fish & trout & has no objection to using nets with meshes of the same size.

To D. Bowell Esq
M.P. Toronto

Hamilton June 26th 1894

Dear Sir

Yours of the 5th is on hand Would you be pleased to let me know if you sent your license fee when you sent your application Last fall I can find no record in my Late Father books where you paid for this year you had better send me your License fee $10.00 and application that is yours if you did not pay it before and I will forward it to the Dept. at once and get your License Would you be please state in your application what kind of nets or appratus you use & I got your numbers of Lots please state the Limets with regard to my appointment is not confirmed as yet but I expect it will in a day or two I have been acting Warden since my father

as soon as everthing is settled I will go down that way I thanks you for your kind sympthy with regard to my late Father

Yours Truly
Fred G. Kerr
G. O

To Jos. W. Gabriel
Queenston
Ont

Hamilton June 26.1888

Dear Sir

I have had three applicats
Licenses to day, 1st Alex Bolla of --
Burlington Beach whose money was --
sent to the Dept by the Late Inspector
a few days before he died see my letter
of May 28th Where I explained the matter
he wants his License 2nd B. Willard
of Port Credit has written me about
his License why it is not forwarded
to him he has not made an applic
ation to me with regard to it
It must have been in my Father
time I have written him for an
explanation 3rd Joseph W. Gabriel
of Queenston says he has applied
for his License last fall in the year
1884. Would you kindly give me
some instruction in matter The
fishermen of Burlington Beach
is very ankious to pay their License
Moneys for gill net and Seine net
Fishing but I dont feel that I am
in a position to collect at present
Would you be please to enformed me
whether the Hon Minister has made
any movement in regard to my
appointment to the position caused
by my poor Father death

To S. P. Bauset Esq
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

I remain Your
Respectively
Fred R. Keer

Hamilton June 29th 1888

Sir

I have the Honor to apply to you for a boat license for Capt. W. Gabriel & son of the town of Dundurn to fish a Machine the Numbers of the Lots are 1121. 1. 12. The fee to be $10.00 to be remitted to the Dept as the fall the same as last year

I have not received also the License yet it has been issued I would be pleased to send me some blanks of returns & Disbursements as I want to make out the Quarterly incidental account I cant find any here All of which is respectively submitted

I remain your
Most respectfully
Obed. Kerr

J. Mason Esq Kilton
Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

Hamilton June 30th/15 --

Sir

I Herewith send you the sum of--
$17.00 seventeen dollars. Will you be pleased to apply by
this amount for this export year as follows
1st Charles Forbes Burlington Beach a Boat License
to fish 1000 yds of Herring and Seisco Gillnet
in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the
County of Wentworth the amount of fee $3.00--
2nd Daniel Mcgwyne Burlington Beach a Boat
license to fish 3000 yds of Herring & Seisco gill
net in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on
the County of Wentworth the amount $5.00
3rd Chas Cox Burlington Beach a Boat license
to fish 3000 yds of Herring & Seisco gill net
in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the
County of Wentworth the Amount $5.00
4 Moses Pillock Burlington Beach a Boat license
to fish 500 yds of Herring gill net in the
waters of Lake ontario fronting on the County
of Wentworth the amount of fee $4.00
Total $17.00.

All those Applications & license fees are the same as
last year All of which I submit to you for your
Consideration & approval

I remain yours
Respectfully
Fred'k Herr

To Major J. Felton
Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

Hamilton July 7 1888

Sir

I have the Honor to send you herewith for your consideration and approval my account and expenditure and also the account and expenditure of my Late Father incurred on active duty from the 1st of April to the 30th of June 1888. My Father account incurr from the 1st of A[illegible] to the 5th of May -- and mine from the 21st of May to the 30th of June

This account is from the 1st of april to the 30th of June 1888 are as follows

1st	Late John W Kerr --	$37.60
2	Fredk Kerr	23.10
3	Stationary Postage & Telegraph	6.00
4	Office Rent	5.00
	[illegible]	18.90
		$90.60

[illegible] I Traveled 454 miles and was on active duty [illegible] days without counting the 3 days that I was with my late Father in the Kettle Point District which have been into his account $5 & 9.00 has passed through my hands since the demise of Father all of which has been forwarded to Dept and Sir I thank you most heartily for the way you have dealt by me since I was in your employ hoping everything will be Satisfactory

I remain yours
Respectively
Fredk Kerr

To Major J Tilton Esq
Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

Frederick Kerr
Hamilton
May 3 first of July 8

1888

May	21	Off to Burnie per instruction from Deputy Minister				
May	22	Off from Burnie to Forest thence to Blue Point in Company with Overseer & A Couse Back to Forest	1	Ry	140 20	5 15- 80
May	23	Off from Forest to Hillier & Stoney Point in Company with A & Couse Despatches Ground Net fishing Boat Hire		HR	22	1 25-
"	24	Off from Forest to Burnie in Meet Craig and Laing back to Forest thence to Hamilton Via Wee Tree and Paris	1	H.	.45	Comm. H & Bury
		Board & Bed at Various Stations	1	Ry	150	4 40 3 0-
May	31	To Burlington to John Cotting and John Babcock about their Application for License	1	HB	30	2 25-
June	18	in Hamilton to meet Craig & Laing of Detroit who telegraph me to Town meet them about Ground Net fishing Petition	1	HB	14	2 00
June	27	in Hamilton to Meet A & Couse P O Forest by telegraph	1	HB	14	2 00
"	27	at Burlington Beach Collecting License fees	1	HB	21	2 00
			7		456	23 10

The Late John W Kerr

Hamilton
first of april eigth of may 8

1888.							
April	18	at Port Credit and return	1	Ry 64m	4	00	
"	28	off to Toronto to See Mr Russe and return	1	Ry 88 "	4	25	
May	3	off to Sarnia on Company with My Son Fred	1	" 146 "	16	30	two tea
		Board for two			3	00	
May	4	off from Sarnia to Blue Point Home to Forest	1	Horse 60	4	00	
"	5th	Off from Forest to Hamilton Via Port Edward	1	Ry 160	9	80	
		Bed & Board for two			2	50	
	5th	5th 12			84	60	

Hamilton July 7. 1888

Sir

You will please find enclosed the sum of $5.00 for Patrick Hand of Wiona for a Boat License to fish 2000 yds of White Fish & Herring Gill net in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Township of Saltfleet in County of Wentworth for the year 1888

Also an application from B Woollard Port Credit for a license for 2 Boats 7000 yds of Herring & Trout gill nets and one Seine 150 yds long to fish in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Township of Toronto in the County of Peel

All of which is respectively submitted for your Consideration and Approval

I remain Yours
Respectively
Fred Keer

To Mayor Gilkison Esq
Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

seine net fishing i.e.
as possible he granting him
at present as his application is
Machine not a seine as does it mean
same thing Please inform me if
I write to him to inform him of
Decision of the Dept

I remain, your
Respectfully
Yours

To S. P Bassett Esq
Fishery Inspector
Ottawa

Hamilton July 10th 1884

Sir

beg to inform you that in
Alex Polla License I made
the post Office they were
able to find it must
get astray on the road down you
had better send me a dublicate as
Polla is in a terrible stew about it
B. Wolla of Port Credit sent me his
application which I forwarded to the
Dept he was very particular in asking
me in his letter if anyone else was going
to be wanting to fish on the limits he
described.

Application from Joseph Gabriel of
Weston to fish a machine in the
area was forwarded to the Dept by
for Consideration in reply The Deputy
Minister deems it necessary to curtail

Hamilton July 11th 1884

Sir

I have the Honor to apply to you for a Boat license for Wm Vance Jr. of Burlington to fish 1000 yds of Gaico Herring Bill Net in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Town of Burlington in the County of Halton The fee to be $5.10 - - -
I recommend this application
I also send you herewith the sum of $5.-00 License Fee for Andrew Lambert & Charles Jerkison Port Dalhousie License received by me and forwarded

All of which is respectively submitted

To Major J Dalton Esq
Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa.

I am. Sir
Your Obedient
Servant
Fred. Gee

Hamilton July 21 1880.

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for a Boat license for John Hand to fish 3000 yds of ... white fish gill net in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Township of Grimsby in County of Wentworth Fee License ... five dollars

I also apply to you for a Boat license for John Hand of Grimsby to fish 200 yds of fishing gill net for his own use in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Township of Grimsby in County of Wentworth Fee ... which was sent to the Dep't by me on the 14th of May last

All of which is respectively submitted

To Major D. Tilton Esq
Deputy Minister

I remain
Sir

Hamilton July 25. 1888

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith the Sum of $ 10.00 ten dollars for Mr Henry M Shepperd of Queenston for a license to fish one seine 100 yds long in the Niagara River the limits to be from the Wharf at Queenston to opposite the Black Horse Tavern in the Township of Niagara County of Lincoln for the present year 1888

This License to be the same as that issued to him Last Year

All of which is respectively submitted

To Major J. Tilton Esq
Dy Supt
Fisheries
Ottawa

I remain
Sir
Your Obediant Servant
Fred. W. Kerr

Hamilton July 31st 1886

Dear

I have the honor to send you herewith the sum of $10.00 for one half of Fishick's Lease for a License to fish a Net for Herring on the Niagara River. The Township of Niagara County of Lincoln on Station No 1 near Queenston he sent your Petition hoping and praying that you would grant him this License for Station No 1 in your letter to me on the 6th of this month you worked unadvisable to grant him his application for License as he applied at that time for lots No 14. & 16. including No 1 he now only apply for the one lot which he has been holding for over 21 years largely depending upon it for his living and report I have been looking over the Books and find nothing against him he has always paid his License fee in the fall without fail

Trusting that you will take a favourable view of his Petition and Application

I remain yours
Respectfully
Fred. Gre

To Major J Tilton Esq
Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

Hamilton August 10/1856

Sir

I have the honor to report that on your instruction to me dated the 20th. of July last I accordingly proceeded to Burlington Beach on the 7th.

I had an interview with Jas. F. A. Corey and others in reference to fishing Herring gill nets in front of the County of Peel they Contend that they never fish there and have no desire to do so nor do they always fish in front of the Beach in a easterly -

you must of misunderstood me if in my letter of the 18th. of July last I mention anything about Corey or others wanting to fish in front of the County of Peel the information that I did ask for was about the Herring gill net shore fishing Mr. Mcgarvie claims and fished for the last ten years on limits Covering at Least 3 Stations for shore Herrings for which he pays the sum of $15.00 and Corey two stations while others have no station for shore fishing Corey & Mcgarvie Contends that when they first leased those limits no other fishermen seemed then to want them now they are several Clamouring for them I would recommend to leave it as it is

On Burlington Beach

2. Mrs Long a poor Widow of B Beach husband the late Mortemor Corey a fisherman who died very suddenly last febuary leaving a large family of 8 Children the eldest being 16 years and the youngest 2 years asked me to petition the Department to allow her a free Licens-e or

to be exempt for 2 or 3 years as she is in very poor Circumstances and not able to pay her License fee of five dollars until her family is able to help her All of which I respectfully submit for your Consideration & approval

I remain Sir
Your Obedient
Servant
Fred. Kerr

To Major J. Fitton Esq
Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

Hamilton Aug. 11th 1888

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith the sum of $5:00 five dollars for Robert Ball of Burlington Beach for a Boat License to fish 1000 yds of Herring & Sisco gill nets in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting the Township of Saltfleet County of Wentworth on station No 10 Burlington Beach

I beg to state on your instruction to me of 20th ult I went to the Beach and interviewed Ball with regard to the ground that Prince Depew wanted to derive benefit of he decided to take a license out at once paying me the license fee $5:00 the full amount which I send you

I remain Sir
Your Obedient
Servant
Fred "Kerr

To Major J Dalton Esq
Deputy Minister
Fishery Department

Sir

I beg to report that I have several
Complaints before me from persons in the
[illegible] Lake
[illegible] from
the North shore of Lake Superior who are [illegible]
[illegible] Dalhousie District
[illegible] These Fishermen came
[illegible] the Lake from [illegible] Lake Superior
District The complaints are [illegible]
to Fort Dalhousie [illegible] after the Fare
Would you be please [illegible] instruct me in
the matter

I remain Sir

To Major J Y Hilton Esq Your

Deputy Provincial Obedient Servant

Head Quarters Wm Kerr

Hamilton August 18th 1880

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith the sum of $5:00. for William Smith of Burlington Beach for an license to fish 5-00
the Spawning fill Net on that portion of the Bay of Lake Ontario known as the Township of East Flamboro in the County of Halton from abreast of the old outlet running East to the Burlington Piers

I also make an application for a license for Prince Lyons of Burlington Beach to fish 3000 Yds of Seine Herring fill net on the waters of Lake Ontario fronting the Township of Saltfleet County of Wentworth the fee to be $5.00 the same as last year to be paid when License delivered

All of which is respectively submitted

To Major J. Dillon Esq
Deputy Minister
of Fisheries
Ottawa

I remain Sir &c
Your Obedient
Servant
Fred" Kerr

Hamilton August 23.rd 1888

Sir

I have the honor to send you here with the sum of $ 5:00 for W. Flance Jr of the Town of Berlington for a boat license to fish 10 or 2 yds of 3 cis co Herring Gill net in the waters of Lake Ontario Fronting the Township of Nelson in the County of Halton for this Current year. 1888

All of which is respectfully submitted for your Consideraton and approval

To Majr. J. Yalton Esq Deputy Minister Fisheries Ottawa

I remain Sir Your Obdt and Servant Fred.k Kerr

Hamilton August 29th 1898

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith the sum of $ 10.00 ten dollars. Would you be pleased to apply this amount as follows

1st. Prince Depew of Burlington Beach for an boat license & fish 3000 yds of seine & Herring gill net in the waters of Lake Ontario $ 5.00

2nd. David Pregone .. .. $ 000 $ 5.00

Total $ 10.00

Those two licenses has already been granted by the Department and duly delivered by me the money paid which I hereby send you the amount

All of which is respectively submitted

To Maynard Colton Esq
Deputy Minister
Ottawa
Canada

I remain Sir
Your
Obedient Servant
Fred Kerr

Hamilton August 29th 1888

Sir

I have the honor to make application for boat licenses for the following parties for this Current year 1888

1st Richard Tuffe of Burlington Beach an license to fish 1000 yds of Herring & Seisco gill nets in that portion of Lake Ontario fronting on the Township of Saltfleet in the County of Wentworth Seisco & Herring

2nd Thos B Dalby Burlington Beach to Fish 3000 Yds
3 Charles Tuffe do do do 4000 "
Sebastian Cox do do do 3000 "
5 Wm Barlow do do do 2000 "

The License fee for each Boat or Fisherman to be $5.00 five Dollars The same as Last year - - -

Would you be pleased to send me Patricks Hand License for the year 1888 The License fee $5.00 I forwarded to the Dept on the 7th of July last see my letter of the above date his boat License calls for 2500 Yds of Herring & Trout White fish gill nets in that portion of Lake Ontario fronting on the Township of Grimsby and Saltfleet County of Wentworth

All of which is respectively submitted for your favourable consideration and approval

I remain Sir

Your

Obedient Servant

Fred Herr

To Major J Tilton Esq
Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

Hamilton August 31st 1866

Sir

I beg leave to report that Edward Joyce of Port Credit called on me on the 29th inst to interview me with regard to his being granted a license to fish for Salmon Herring on that part of Lake Ontario fronting the County of Peel his application for the privilege of fishing within those limits was sent to the Department at Ottawa but I was always informed that the Dept refused him a license on the grounds that Mr Wallace of Port Credit having lease the limits fronting the County of Peel his application would have to be considered first & he had to refer to him to know if he fished the nets last season and having received from him a reply not being able to pay for the nets consequently they are back on his hands again he humbly petitions the Hon Minister to grant him a license which he says is the only means of support of a family of the County of Peel or Halton as he is entirely depending for living by fishing having no other way to live at present as far as getting that I know of the man and what I have heard of him I believe he only trying to get a living by fishing & I have no reason to say about 300 yards of the net was lost leaving the rest of the net in the water. I therefore Peel further Consideration of forwarding the same to fish tell fort notified I have the honor is respectively submitted for consideration & approval

[illegible]

Hamilton Sept 3 1884

Dear Sir

In answer to your memordom of the 31st of August I beg to state that in reference to the $5.00 on Mr Megowne behalf is for an License for shore fishing for Herring the $5.00 for license on the 30th of June last is for Deep-Herring in deep water in past years Mr Megowne generally paid the $10.00 in bulk Covering all in one License he omitted to do so This year the two Licenses have been received by me from Dept and delivered

Your truly
Fred Kerr

James F. Webster Esq
Ottawa
Ontario

Hamilton

This 14 day of November 1884 Received from Thomas & Francis & Mr F. W. Kerr 300.00 Three hundred dollars from Solicitor for all claims on Charlotte Reid. County of Peel

Signed
Fred: Kerr

Hamilton Sept. 6th 1883

Sir

You will please find enclosed a letter from Wm G Dornan & Sutherman are resident on Toronto Island who wishes me to proceed to that locality to settled some dispute between the City of Toronto and the rights of the fisheries. would you be pleased to give me advice and instructions in the matter

To Inspr J. Tilton Esq
Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

I remain sir
Your Obedient
Servant
Fred'k Herr

Hamilton Oct 18 1883

Dear Sir

Would you kindly inform me if there is any thing new in the Toronto Island matter. We have been waiting for some time for the arrival of the Inspector to prosecute the fishing nuets of Dornan & Sutherman who are fishing within the limits of the City of Toronto. We are desirous of getting your decision regarding the matter for the reason that there are a great many boats fishing within the limits of the City of Toronto & we are afraid that there will be trouble with the fishermen when they see that Dornan & Sutherman are allowed to fish there. We are in receipt of numerous complaints from fishermen who are fishing in the Bay & Lake Ontario that they are losing their nets & fish by reason of the nets being set so close to the shore. We are informed that there is a large number of boats coming from Toronto Island to fish in the Bay & Lake Ontario. We are informed that Dornan & Sutherman have been fishing within the limits of the City of Toronto & have been warned by the Fishery Overseer not to fish there. We are informed that they have refused to obey the warning & have continued to fish there. We are informed that they have refused to obey the warning & have continued to fish there. We are informed that they have refused to obey the warning & have continued

Hamilton Sept 10th 1888

Sir

I have the honor to send you Herewith the sum of $10.00 Ten dollars - - - - -
Would you be pleased to apply this amount as follows for this Current Year 1888 - - -
1st Lot in Traffs of Burlington Beach an License to Fish a White fish Seine 250 yds long on Station No 2 in the Waters of Lake Ontario in the fee to be $5.00
2nd William & Thomas Hand a Boat & an License to fish 3000 yds of seine Herring Gill net in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Lincoln the fee to be .. - - - - - - $5.00
$5.00
Total $10.00

All of which is respectively submitted - - - -

To Major J Tilton Esq
Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Herr

Hamilton Sept 14, 1888

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith the sum of $10.00 Ten Dollars

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for licenses to fish in Lake Ontario during this current year as follows

1st	Jno B Foulds Burlington Beach. Lake Ontario	
for First	license already received & delivered	$5.00
2nd	John Hand Grimsby do : do ..	$5.00
	Total	$10.00

All of which is respectfully submitted

The Deputy Minister I remain. Sir. Your
Department of Fisheries Obedient Servant
Ottawa. ont Fred[k] Kerr

Hamilton Sept 24, 1888

Sir

I have received from Grimsby Fisheries Enclosed Money Order for $10.00 Ten Dollars in payment for Licenses to fish in Lake Ontario during the current year as follows

1st	Jno B Foulds Burlington Beach. Lake Ontario	
for First	license already received & delivered	$5.00
2nd	John Hand Grimsby do : do ..	$5.00
	Total	$10.00

All of which is respectfully submitted

The Deputy Minister I remain. Sir. Your
Department of Fisheries Obedient Servant
Ottawa. ont Fred[k] Kerr

Hamilton Sept 24th 1888

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith the sum of five dollars $5.00 - - -
Would you be pleased to appl. this amount as follows as Boat License fee for Johnathan Corey of Burlington Beach to fish 3000 yds of Seisco Herring gill net in the Waters of Lat - Ontario License already received by me and delivered - - -

Please inform me if you received the ten dollars that I forwarded to the Dept on the 17th instant to the Credit of Mrs B Fowlds Burlington Beach & John Hand Grimsby for Licenses received asked delivered as I have not received an acknowledgement as yet

I beg to state that the fishermen of Burlington Beach have all paid their License fees with the exception of a few which I expect will pay me in a few days as they Herring & Seisco fishing has commenced

I was informed yesterday by David Tyson an fisherman sailing from Beamsville that there is Sixteen Fisherman fishing gill nets for Seisco & Herring in Lake Ontario between Grimby and Port Dalhousie, I am about to proceed there and collect all license fees as they have not paid any as yet for this Current year 1888.

All of which is respectively submitted for Your Consideration & Approval

I have the Honour
To be Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Fred'k Kerr
Acting Fishy Overseer

The Deputy Minister
Department of Fisheries
Ottawa

Geauga &

May 17	C. Dale	License	$ 5.00	Sent to Dept
do	Page + Babcock	do	100.00	.. do ..
do	John Price	do	250 00	do
do	John H Sand	do	1 00	do
26th	Wm Emery	do	200 00	do

June &

June 10	John Babcock	License	$ 5 00	Sent to the Dept
do	John Colling	do	1 00	do
14th	A P Shaw	do	5 00	do
30	Charles Rolla	do	3 00	do
"	Fred. Corey	do	5 00	do
"	Daniel Megrone	do	5 00	do
"	James Pollock	do	4 00	do

Fred. Kerr

Hamilton &

Hamilton Oct 1st 1864

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith
Bond Roll for the Lake Fishing Season
this present
Which you are to present to the Commissioners
as follows
1st Robert Beasley a boat license to fish 2000 yds
of Gill Herring Net on the Eastern portion of the
Ontario fronting Saltfleet in the County
Wentworth for the present year 1864 $5.00
2nd Duncan a boat license to fish 600
yds of Herring Gill net in West portion of Lake
Ontario fronting Saltfleet in Township Clinton in the
Township of County $5.00
3rd Philip Suffolk a boat license to fish 600
yds of Herring Gill net in Lake Ontario fronting
the Township of Clinton $5.00
4th Peter Funk a boat license to fish 2000 yds
of Herring Gill net in West portion of Lake
Ontario fronting Port Dalhousie $5.00
5th William Land a boat license to fish 150 yds
Herring Gill net in the waters of Lake Ontario
for his own use in the Township of Clinton
fronting his residence — — — $1.00
6 Joseph Culp - do do do 100 yds - 1.00
7 Albert Hugh do do do 100 " 1.00
8 Cortland Hugh do do do 50 " 0.50
9 Hiram Rice do do do 100 1.00
10 James Walker do do one Seine 100 yds. 1.00
I beg to state that the last nine names
Fishermen who fish
for their own use in front grounds
I remain Sir Your
Obedient Servant
To Major J. Tilton
Deputy Receiver
Fisheries

		July		do
July 7	Richard Hunt	Liense	5 00	Sent to Dept
" 9	Charles Atkinson &			
	Andrew Lamble	do	5 00	do
25	Henry Shepard	do	10 00	do
		August		do
Aug. 1	Joseph Gabriel	Liense	10 00	Sent to Dept
" 11	Robert Hall	do	5 00	do
" 17	William Smith	do	5 00	do
28	W. Spence	do	5 00	do
29	Prince Depew	do	5 00	do
do	Daniel Megwone	do	5 00	do

Sept 16	John Laffe	Licence	5 00	Dist to Dept
"	Thomas & Wm Hand	do	5 00	do
15	John Hand	do	5 00	do
13	Jno B Goulds	do	5 00	do
22	Johnston Cory	do	5 00	do
27	Peter Kath	do	5 00	do
"	Isaac Durham	do	5 00	do
"	Philip Gifford	do	5 00	do
"	James Walker	do	1 00	do
"	Williamson	do	1 00	do
"	Joseph Cuff	do	1 00	do
"	Albert Bigs	do	1 00	do
"	Caroline [illegible]			
"	Frank Price	do	1 00	do
29	Albert Bradt	do	5 00	do

Hamilton

Fred. Kerr

Hamilton Oct 24 1888

Sir

You will find enclosed the monthly returns for fishery Dept for the last five months showing the statement of moneys received and Collected by me since the death of my late Father & Mr to May last to the first of October and forwarded by me to the Dept.

All of which is respectively submitted

To Major H. Gilton Esq
Chief Inspector
Fisheries
Ottawa

I remain Sir Your
Obedient Servant
[illegible]

Hamilton Oct 3rd 1888

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 2nd instant is at hand Containing the sum of twenty dollars. which I have forwarded to the Dept. as soon as they grant your license I will send it to you without delay.

As for the year 1889. the rule is to send you money before fishing Commences but that never enforced with old Fisherman but I think it the best way in the end. I expect to be down your way in a few days to Collect all due. Thats is forthcoming thanking you for your kindness in sending your money without any trouble to me

Yours Truly
Fred. Herr
Jr Co.

To Chester Wadsworth
Queenston Ont

Hamilton Oct. 3rd 1888

Sir

I have the honor to send herewith Bank Draft No. 465 for the sum of $20.00 twenty dollars for a license in behalf of Ira Chester Wadsworth to fish two machines in the Niagara River on Lots No. 3. and 17. Queenston the same as last year ten dollars for each machine — All of which is respectively submitted for your Consideration & approval

The Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

I remain Sir Your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Verr

Hamilton Oct 8 1888

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. 12 for the sum of $30.00 thirty dollars -

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount as follows - For Licenses for this Current year 1888 -

1 Jas Bolton Niagara for a Boat License to fish 2000 yds of Herring, Salmon Trout & White fish gill net in that portion of Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Lincoln between Kennedys Hollow and Thirty Mile Creek Township of Clinton extending out from the beach ten miles between the given limits - The license fee sent herewith - - $5.00

2 Charles Bolton Niagara do do do 2000 yds &c. $5.00

3. Albert & Charles Ball Niagara do do 4000 " " $5.00

4 Keith & Mills Niagara do do do 3000 " " $5.00

All the above names fish within the limits above mentioned for Herring Salmon Trout & White fish - -

5 George Irving Port Nelson for a Boat license to fish 1200 yds of Herring Seine & gill net in that portion of Lake Ontario fronting the County of Halton &c $5.00

6 David Aitch Burlington Beach for a License to fish one White fish Seine 500 yds long in a Station No 4 Lake Ontario Burlington Beach County of Wentworth $5.00

Total Amt $30.00

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the above Licenses for this Current year

All of which is respectively submitted for your Consideration & approval

To J. Dutton Esq
Com Minister
&c
&c

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
[illegible]

Hamilton Oct 8th 1898

Sir

I have [illegible] Mr. [illegible]
[illegible] Secretary of the Game Board of Ontario
[illegible] in the matter of [illegible] to the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of Eaton
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to fish
[illegible] [illegible] to catch - -
application [illegible] through the
Ale. Ferguson Inspector who [illegible] he will give
a written Guarantee that no other kind of fish
[illegible] be taken in the net to [illegible]
[illegible] of course is that this mode of fishing may be
[illegible] [illegible] damage other fishermen
[illegible] We would be rid of applications
[illegible] in our hands that there would
be lots of Bass taken away in spite of all
restrictions that however I submit to
you for your consideration - - - -
I have also an application from J. H. Panton
Profr. Agric. College Guelph for a permit to
catch some Brook Trout to stock the Aquarium
in their Laboratory for S. C. purposes as it is
the close season for Trout at present please give
me instruction in this matter
All of which is respectively submitted.

To Mayor F. Gilton Esq
Deputy Minister
of Fisheries
Ottawa

I am Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Kerr
Insp. F. D.

Hamilton Oct 16 1882

Dear Sir

In reply to your application in behalf of John Hunter which I forwarded to the Fishery Dept on the 8th the Deputy Minister instructs me to inform you that it would be unadvisable to issue license for hoop net fishing in the waters of Burlington Bay as it would give rise to general dissatisfaction The Deput Minister also Considers that these nets Catch all kinds of fish Bass as well as Catfish and under these circumstances the Minister declines to grant Mr Hunter permission

Yours very truly
J. Lee Kerr
D F O

To Emelius Jarvis Esq
Hamilton

Hamilton Oct 9 1882

Dear Sir

I am very sorry at the delay in the month department in forwarding Mr Hunters application for a hoop net license but I was not aware that it was necessary to do so as I had supposed that the Minister had given me authority for issuing such licenses at my discretion

Yours truly
Thos Beasley
Asst Insp

To James Webster
Accountant
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

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Hamilton ONT 24 1884

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 23 Containing a Post office Order for $5.00 for a license to fish Please send me a proper description of what you want stating where you want to fish. the kind of nets you use the number of yds and the limits. I cannot apply for a license for you until you send me a description of what you want

Your Truly
Fred'k Kerr
Fishery Overseer

You [illegible]
[illegible]
Ground

Hamilton ONT 1884

Dear Sir

Upon Receipt of this
letter you are hereby
required to attend
at the office of the
undersigned in the City
of Hamilton on the
day of
A.D. 1884 at the hour of
10 o'clock in the forenoon
then and there to show
cause why a license
should not be granted
to you to fish in the
waters of Burlington
Bay in front of Lot
No [illegible] in the
Township of Saltfleet
in the County of
Wentworth

Yours Obedt Servt
Fred'k Kerr
Fishery Overseer

To
[illegible]
Post Office
Ont

Hamilton October 14th 1886

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. 5-108 for the sum of forty five dollars 45 cts

Would you be pleased to apply the Issues Tax as follows for Licenses for the Current year 1887.

1st John Ingledew Bronte for a boat license to fish 5000 yds of Herring Seine Gill-Nets in that portion of the waters of Lake Onta io opposite the Counties of Halton and Peel the fee herewith sent - - - $ 5.00

2 Peter Police Bronte for License for Boats license already received and Returned $20.00

3 Thomas Price Bronte do do 3 Boats @ 5-00 15-00

4 Charles Joffe Burlington Beach License for one Boat License already received $ 5.00

Total amount sent. $45.00

I recommend that you be pleased to grant the first named John Ingledew his License I visited the Bronte Fishermen yesterday they are catching plenty of fish their License fees will be all forthcoming in few days

I have the honor of which is respectively Submitted

Jo. D. Gibson Esq

Inspector Fisheries Province of Ontario

Toronto

Fred.k Kerr
Hamilton
1st July 30th September 8

1894					
July.	6	Off to Niagara to see John Bolton and other fishermen	1 50	B & H	4 50
"	10	On Burlington Beach delivering licenses	1 12	H & B	2 00
"	18	On Burlington Beach delivering licenses & Collecting fees	1 15	H & B	2 00
"	20	Off to Port Credit to see B Collard and Geo. Blakely	1 30	B	3 60
Aug.	7	On Burlington Beach to see Robert Hall and others with regard to Fisheries	1 15	H & B	2 00
"	22	Off to Burlington to Collect License fees thence Home by B Beach	1 25	H & B	2 50
"	27	At the Beach delivering license received from dept	1 15	H & B	2 00
Sept.	4	At Burlington Beach Collecting & delivering licenses	1 15	H & B	2 00
"	13	On Burlington Beach Collecting and other Business [illegible] the interest of the Fisheries	1 15	H & B	2 00
"	19	At Burlington Beach delivering licenses	1 15	H & B	2 00
"	29	Off to Grimsby by Railway thence to Port Dalhousie by Horse & Buggy back to Beamsville thence by Railway home to Hamilton Collecting licenses fees	2 65	B & H	6 00
"	29	On Burlington Beach Collecting Rents	1 12	H & B	2 00
			13 24		$32 45

Hamilton Oct 20th 1888

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for the following licenses for this Current year 1888

Mr Robert Roots of the Township of Clinton for a boat license to fish 5-10 yds of Herring fill net in that portion of the waters of Lake Ontario fronting lots No 20 & 21 of the above Township County of Lincoln the fee to be $5.00

2. B Hurland Port Credit a Boat license to fish 6000 yds of Trout White fish and Herring fill net in that portion of the Ontario fronting the County of Peel Also a license for Mr Hurland to fish one seine 250 yds long on the east and the west of the River Credit where it enters the Lake the fee for the two licenses to be $10.00

I recommend that you be pleased to grant Mr Hurland and Root their license

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration & approval — — —

Wm H. Hilton Esq
Deputy Minister
of Fisheries

Augustus Jones
Asst Superintendent
Fish Hatcheries

Hamilton Oct 29. 1885

Sir

Would you be pleased to send me some money as soon as possible as I have a great deal of business to attend to at present And I have no funds to carried it on I never got any money from the Dept since the Deputy Minister advance me the $50.00 in may last to settled the Kettle Point Business and that run out long ago I sent my disbursements in a few days ago please look them over and do the best you can for me and Oblige

Yours respectfully
Fred. Pierce

D. P. Bunset Esq.
Fisheries

Hamilton Oct 20 1885

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your consideration an account for contingencies incurred and expenditure incurred by me as Fishery Officer Hamilton Division.

This account is for the month of September

I have the honour to be Sir
Your obedient servant
Fred Pierce
Fishery Officer Kent.

Amount of Account $ 4.85
Add Dominion Stationery, Postage &c 5.00
Dominion Office Rent. 5.00
$ 14.85

All of which is respectfully submitted

I remain Sir
Your obedient servant
Fred Pierce
Fishery Officer
P. E. I.

Jno. A. Gilmour Esq.
Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

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Hamilton Oct 24th 1888

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith
Bank Draft No 520 for the sum of $28.00 twenty
eight dollars
Would you be pleased to apply this amount as
follows for licenses for this current year 1888
1st Morris Osborne & Hubert Boonte for one Boat
License to fish 4000 yds of Seine Herring Gill
net in that portion of the waters of Lake Ontario
fronting the Counties of Halton & Peel the fee $5.00
2nd David Dyson Bermville for one Boat License
to fish 2000 yds of White fish Trout & Herring
Gill net in that portion of the waters of Lake
Ontario fronting Lots No 16.17.18 in the Township
of Clinton County Lincoln the fee herewith sent $5.00
3rd Edward Price Port Credit for one Boat Licens
to fish 4000 yds of Seine herring gill net in
that portion of Lake Ontario fronting the Coun
ties of Halton & Peel the license fee herewith $5.00
4th Robert High Toronto for one Boat license to
fish 2000 yds of Seine herring gill net in
that portion of the waters of Lake Ontario
lying to the outside of Toronto Island the sum $5.00
I would call your attention with regard to Robert High
of Toronto as he is a very hard working poor man with
a large family who has been saving his earnings
all Summer to enable him to start fishing this
fall he has been well recommended to me by
Messrs Leckie City of Toronto importers of
fishing supplies + + +
5th Richard Laffe Burlington Beach for a
Boat License Arrears cleared & delivered $5.00
6th John Robinson Port Nelson a Boat licens

Hamilton Oct 2-9. 1832

Dear Sir

Complaint has been laid before me that you have been selling and Bartering fish in the vicinity of Beamsville if you will look in your license you will find that you are liable to be fined as it is a Contravention of the Fishery act. if I hear any more complaints I will have to go and investigate the charges which if proven will cost you something I can assure you I hope that you will take this as a warning if the Complaint is true

Your truly
Fred Kerr
J. P.
Hamilton

Wm Sands
Beamsville
O.C.

Boat's license to fish at the mouth of Twenty Mile Creek
not in Lake Ontario
Beamsville to fish at the mouth of Twenty Mile Creek
Wm Sands of Beamsville
Catfish
Bass
Pickerel
Suckers
Herring
Eels
Sturgeon
Whitefish
Trout
Pike
Muskellunge
Pickerel
Perch
Bullheads
Sunfish
Rock Bass
Crappies
Dogfish
Mudfish
Minnows
Frogs
Turtles
Crayfish
Mussels
Leeches
Snakes
Lizards
Salamanders
Newts
Tadpoles
Clams
Oysters
Scallops
Shrimp
Crabs
Lobsters
Squid
Octopus
Jellyfish
Starfish
Sea Urchins
Sea Cucumbers
Sea Anemones
Corals
Sponges
Algae
Seaweed
Kelp
Plankton
Zooplankton
Phytoplankton
Bacteria
Viruses
Fungi
Protozoa
Amoeba
Paramecium
Euglena
Volvox
Diatoms
Dinoflagellates
Radiolarians
Foraminifera
Coccolithophores
Silicoflagellates
Ebridians
Choanoflagellates
Craspedomonads
Kinetoplastids
Euglenids
Cryptomonads
Haptophytes
Chlorarachniophytes
Glaucophytes
Rhodophytes
Chlorophytes
Charophytes
Bryophytes
Pteridophytes
Gymnosperms
Angiosperms
Monocots
Dicots
Eudicots
Rosids
Asterids
Caryophyllales
Lamiales
Solanales
Gentianales
Apiales
Asterales
Dipsacales
Rubiales
Campanulales
Lobeliaceae
Lobelia
Lobelia inflata
Lobelia siphilitica
Lobelia cardinalis
Lobelia dortmanna
Lobelia erinus
Lobelia kalmii
Lobelia nicotianifolia
Lobelia puberula
Lobelia spicata
Lobelia syphilitica
Lobelia tupa
Lobelia urens
Lobelia valida
Lobelia vedrariensis
Lobelia x speciosa
Lobelia x vedrariensis
Lobelia x wimmeriana
Lobelia x zeyheri
Lobelia zeylanica
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October 8

				Sent Bank draft
	Chester Wadsworth	license	$ 20 00	No. 441 for the Dept
Oct 3		do	5 00	sent Bank
8 & 10	John Bolton	do	5 00	Draft No. 482
	Charles Bolton	do	5 00	to the Depart.
"	Alberto & Charles Ball	do	5 00	ment for
"	Keith & Mills	do	5 00	$30. dollars
"	George Irvine	do	5 00	on the 8th
"	David Yletati	do	5 00	sent Banks draft
"	Charles Jaffe	do	20 00	No 542 for $45.00
13	Robert Joice	do	15 00	to fishery acct.
16	Thomas Joice	do	5 00	on the 14th Oct.
"	John, Ingledew	do	5 00	sent Banks
"	David Tyson	do	5 00	draft No 543
23	Edward Joice	do	5 00	for the term.
"	Messrs Osborne & Hubert	do	5 00	of $28.00
"	Robert High	do	5 00	to the 1st
"	Richard Jaffe	do	1 00	department
"	John Robinson	do	1 00	on the 24
"	William Howse	do	1 00	day of Oct 82
"	George Cull			
			Total Amt. Sent	$ 123 00

Hamilton
21st October

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Hamilton Nov: 1st 1898

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. [illegible] for the sum of $25.00 Twenty five dollars —

Would you be pleased to apply this amount as follows for Licenses for the Current year 1st Richard Gilbert Fenton for one Boat License to fish 800 yds of Cisco Herring gill net in that portion of Lake Ontario fronting the Township of South Crosby County of Leeds the fee Herewith $5.00

2nd William Ingledew Bronte for one Boat License to fish 4000 yds of Cisco Herring gill net in that portion of Lake Erie fronting on the Counties of Halton & Peel The fee herewith $5.00

3rd B. Woolford Port Credit for one Boat and one seine License already received & delivered five dollars for each license total — — $10.00

4th Robert Booth of Townships Clinton for one Boat License already received & delivered $5.00

Total Amount $25.00

All of which is respectively submitted for your Consideration & approval — — —.

Yours &c.
J. R. Gibson
Deputy Minister
of Fisheries
Ottawa

Your obedient Servant
Alfred Shaw
Fred Shaw

Hamilton Nov^r - 1838

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you in behalf of certain residents of the City of Hamilton and others residents on Burlington Bay for permission to fish in Herring Pike and Bass in the public Waters of Burlington Bay. Commencing for Herring on the 15 of November and for Pike and Bass as soon as the ice from the Bay. All fishing to cease on the 15th of April. 1839. — — — — The usual rate of £1.0.0 for each person as license fee be charged. I recommend the same for your Consideration and if granted by you I will require 100 blank licenses All of which is respectively submitted.

I remain Sir your Obed^t Servant
Fred Hunter

Jno S. Gilkison Esq
Deputy Receiver
Of Fisheries
Niagara

Hamilton June 5th 1884

Sir

I have the honor to report for your information that ~~I~~ a petition circulated among the fishermen of this district asking for signatures to have the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries and Fisheries Overseer of the Dist. Bay to have the extinction of fish gill net which caused from 5 inch extension to 4½ inch extension measure of 6 lines of thread to be strictly enforced in the Dist. of Wellington the fishermen that I come in contact with say that the 5 inch mesh catch more fish as well satisfied with the present mesh and they contend that if they do not catch a great many more that they do at present of a large size and market well and the fish seem to be getting more plentiful of late and increase weight and after hearing the reasons why I am convinced that if the mesh is reduced in size that they would in a little catch small detrimental to the increase of the White fish the twine that is used in manufacturing nets in use at present — Sprints some 4 inch the mesh is 4½ it must mean 4 inch I herewith send you the heading of the public for your perusal

All of which is respectively submitted

Jno J. Felton Esq.
Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

I am Sir your
Obd't Servant
Fred Flett

Hamilton Novr 9th 1885

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No 32 for the sum of $35.00 Thirty five Dollars — —

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount as follows for licenses for this Current 1885

1st Herbert Bishop Niagara a license for 2 Boats to fish 10000 yds of Lisle herring Gill Net in that portion of Lake Ontario fronting the Townships of Niagara County of Lincoln between Kennedy's Pier and Thirty Mile Creek $5.00 for each Boat Total $10.00

2nd Robert J. Allen Niagara a license to fish one Seine for White fish and Herring in Lake Ontario on Station No 2 in the County of Niagara County Lincoln the fee herewith sent $5.00

3rd Richard B Price Bronte for license to fish 3 boats license already received & delivered $15.00

4th Mrs Jane Elliot Niagara on account one license granted and delivered on the 13 April last $5.00

Total Amt herewith $35.00

I beg to state that with regard to Mrs Jane Elliot she is owing $5.00 more which she has promised to pay in few days

All of which is respectfully Submitted

The Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Ob't Servant
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Hamilton 12 Nov. 1886

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to send me your license fee the sum of $10.00 as soon as possible as I am instructed by the Deputy Minister to collect all license fees due at once as soon as money is received I will apply for your license and forward the same to you without delay

Your truly
Fred Gyer
Fishery Officer
Box 170
Dundas

Isaac Pickard
Bronte

Hamilton 12 Nov 1886

Dear Sir

Would you please be pleased to send me your license fee as per Statement Rendered Dec 1885 as I am instructed by the Deputy Minister of Marine & Fisheries to collect all monies due for licenses at once I have already granted delay and must insist on payment at once

Yours truly
Fred Gyer
Fishery Officer
Box 170
Dundas

Boats Gyer Nets
Fred Gyer
Fish. Officer

Hamilton 13 Novr 1888

Sir

I beg leave to report that Mr. John Davis Fish dealer Hamilton wishes me to ascertain from the Fishery Department whether it would be right for him to receive frozen White fish & Trout from Meaford Georgian Bay. Like Huron Mr Mackintosh Fish dealer at Meaford writes Davis to this effect. that he has a Certificate from the Fishery overseer of that districts to say that the said fish were caught in proper season Mr Davis also informs me that Mackintosh is shipping frozen fish all over the Country and that frozen White fish & Trout are openly sold by Fish dealers of the City of Toronto Mr Davis Complains very much at not having the same privilege -- is there any Special provision made for frozen White fish & Trout during Close season the same being Caught in proper season. would you be pleased to instruct me in this matter as soon as possible

Respectfully submitted

I remain Sir Your
Obedt Servant
Fred Gee

Yr Deputy Minister,
Fishery Dept

Hamilton 16 Novr 1888

Sir

I beg to report for your information that I have information sent to me by William C. Rose of Port Erie by letter dated the 13th Inst. inform me that there is an number of fishermen fishing Gill nets without License in Lake Erie fronting the Township of Bertie Wm Rose give me some the parties names who are fishing as follows

les Viau Port Erie
D. Oswald " "
Reuben House "Point Abino
Augustus House " "
Medcalf Port Erie
John Kay " "
and others whose names she did not mention as I only received one application for a license in that Quarter this year I expect that the information received is true

All of which respectively submitted for your consideration

Mayor J. Tilton Esq
Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

I remain
Sir Yours
Obed Servant
[illegible]

Hamilton 19 Nov 1888

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No 56 for the sum of $ 20.00 twenty dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount as follows. For Licenses for this Current year 1888

1st Wm Joice Bronte for license to fish three Boats $5.00 for each Boat License already received and delivered Total Amt Herewith $15.00

2nd Joseph Masters Niagara for a Boat License to fish 1000 yds of Herring and Pickeral gill net off the mouth of the Niagara River Lake Ontario fronting the Township of Niagara the fee sent herewith - - - - - $5.00

Total Amount sent Herewith $20.00

I recommend that you be pleased to grant Joseph Masters a License for this Current year all of which is respectively Submitted

The Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

I remain Sir Your
Obed't Servant
Fred'k Vera

Hamilton Nov 3 1888

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 24th & find on looking over the Books that a Bank Draft was sent to the Fishery Dept by my late father on the first of May for the sum of $2.50 applying for a license in your behalf as he was in a critical condition at the time he having died shortly afterwards they may be some mistake in regard to your license which I will try and rectify I am writing to the Dept

Yours Truly
Fred. Kerr
Fishery Officer
Hamilton

J. C. Rose
Brantford

Hamilton Nov 20 1888

Dear Sir

Yours of the 13 instant has been duly received and carefully noted. I must thank you very much for your kind information with regard to those parties fishing without License. I have communicated with the Department on the subject and when I receives my instructions I shall proceed there at once and collect all license fees that are due at once. I find by looking over the Books that there is quite a number that have not paid as yet that fished last year.

J. & Wm C. Rose
Port Erie

Yours Truly
Fred. Kerr
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton

Hamilton Nov 3 1888

Dear Sir

I received your letter
of the 31st ult. & have
given the Board the
Opportunity of considering
the matter - The Board
have decided to
[illegible] for the Year
[illegible] for a Licence
[illegible] Council of the Town
[illegible] Licence
[illegible]

Yours truly
[illegible]
Town Clerk

[illegible]
Hamilton

Hamilton Nov 3 1888

Dear Sir

I received your letter
of the 31st ult. & have
given the Board the
Opportunity of considering
the matter - The Board
have decided to
[illegible] for the Year
[illegible] for a Licence
[illegible] Council of the Town
[illegible] Licence
[illegible]

Yours truly
[illegible]
Town Clerk

[illegible]
Hamilton

Hamilton 28 Nov 2 1878

Sir

I beg to refer to that on representing Port Erie on the 21st instant I received a general complaint from the fishermen of that place in regard to the deposits and garbage discharged by the City of Buffalo in the Lake on side of the River & the almost destruction of the fishing ground at Port Erie and International Bridge &c. and that at low stages of water it almost stops the fishing & to haul their seines with the mud and other sediments which settled on their fishing Grounds to the depth of 12 inches or more at times Caused by the said dumpage which invariably drive all fish away when the grounds is in that Condition

The Contractors who performs this work Messrs Hinkston & Wood of City Buffalo are forbidden by the American Authorities to empty or dump their scows on that side of the River Consequently they take great delight in coming in as Close as they possibly can to our side of River to unload so I am informed by Mr. Chester A. Harris & others

The Fishermen and other residents living in the vicinity do think that there should some action taken by the Department in the matter if only to notify the Superintendent of this nuisance they have had this matter up before the County Council & Board on several instances and got from them great things but got last nothing done in the matter. I have —

I have been requested by all the fishermen on the locality of Port Erie to bring this matter before your notice and asking to give it your earliest attention as they consider a great grievance exists to their fishery and to all anglers which I fully endorse.

All of which is respectively submitted

To the Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

I remain Sir Your
Obt Servant
Fred Pierce

Hamilton Dec 11 1895

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to forward me Licenses for Commercial Fishing Vessels for the ensuing year.

Yours truly
Fred Pierce

Hamilton Dec 11 1895

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to forward me Licenses for Commercial Fishing Vessels for the ensuing year.

Yours truly
Fred Pierce

Hamilton Dec 11 1895

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to forward me Licenses for Commercial Fishing Vessels for the ensuing year.

Yours truly
Fred Pierce

Hamilton Nov. 26th 1888

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No ' ' for the sum of $12.00 Twelve dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this amount as follows for licenses for the years 1888-8-1889.--

1st/ A. & Aswould Fort Erie for a boat license to fish 2000 yds Herring Sturgeon & Pike gill net in that portion of the Public Waters of Lake Erie from opposite the old Fort to Point Abino fronting Township of Bertie for this current year $5.00

2nd/ William Scott Bridgeway for a boat license to fish 2000 yds of Herring & Pike gill net in in that portion of the Public Waters of Lake Erie fronting the Township of Bertie. do do. do. $5.00

3rd/ William Bolton of Glambro for a license to Spear Herring &c &c in the Public Waters of Burlington Bay Commencing from the 15-Nov. 1888 to the 15-of April 1889 The fee being Herein $1.00

4th/ E Spencer of the City of Hamilton do. do $1.00

Total Amt Sent $ 12.00

I recommend that you be pleased to grant those Licenses

All of which is respectively submitted

The Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

I remain sir your
Obed. Servant
Fred. J. Ers

Hamilton Nov 26 1888

Sir

I have the honor to send you Herewith Bank Draft No 77 for the Sum of $12.00 Twelve Dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount as follows for Licenses for the yrs 1888 & 1889 — —

1st/ R J Oswald Port Erie for a Boat License to fish 2000 yds of Herring Sturgeon & Pike gill Net in that portion of the public Waters of Lake Erie from opposite the Old Port to Point Abino fronting the Township of Bertie the fee Herewith $5.00

2nd/ William Scott Ridgeway for a Boat License to fish 2000 yds Herring & Pike Gill Net in that portions of the public waters of Lake Erie fronting the Township of Bertie the fee sent Herewith $5.00

3rd/ William Bolton East Flamboro for a license to spear Herring Pike & Bass in the public waters of Burlington Bay from the 15th November 1888 to the 1st of April 1889 the fee sent Herewith $1.00

4th/ Spencer Hamilton do do do do $1.00

Total Amt sent Herewith $12.00

I recommend that you be pleased to grant those Licenses all of which is respectively submitted for your Consideration & approval

I remain Sir Your Obed. Servant
Fred Gers.

The Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

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To Chester A Harris Inst Bait
Hamilton Nov 29 1882

Dear Sir

I beg to state that I communicated with the Fishery Dept on the subject which we discussed when I was down your way, namely the dumping of Garbage &c &c by the Authorities of the City of Buffalo in the Niagara River fronting Fort Erie & International Bridge

In answer to my Communication the Deputy Minister inform me that parties interested in the matter should bring it before the Municipal Authorities of the County of Welland as a Public Nuisance under the Municipal Act as the nuisance Complained off dont come under the Fishery Department Please inform all parties interested in the matter and act accordingly, hoping that you are all well

Yours Truly
Fred Mace

Hamilton Dec 11 1882

Dear Sir

I answer to my communication to the Fishery Dept in reference to your license, The Deputy Minister informs me that your application and money is alright but my late Father in making out the application omitted to state your limits &c &c he having died few days afterwards the matter was overlooked

On receipt of this please state what kind and number of nets you are fishing the number of boats and extent of limits in order that a license may be prepared and sent to you very sorry for the mistake

I remain Yours
Yours Truly
Chas Mustard
Bailiff & Translator

Hamilton Novr 29.th 1886

Sir

I beg to state that in reference to the Question of Objection liable to be made by certain individuals in the City of Hamilton to the Spearing of Pike & Bass in the waters of Burlington Bay during the winter months which you referred to. in your letter of the 16. instant

I may state that I have made careful inquiries in regard to the matter. and I find no objection whatever. As for the Local Game Club its not in exustance at present it has became defunct. I have spoken to several of the old members of the Late Club on the subject who say that they never objected to the Spearing of Pike & Bass through the ice. it was the Shooting the Pike in the spring that they were against.

I also Consulted Mr Adam Brown Ex. M.P and Mr Carpenter Ex. M.P. who spoke in favor of the Application

So in this case I have no hesitation in fully recommending that permission be granted to Spear as soon as the ice forms on the Bay — —

All of which is respectively Submitted for your Consideration & approval

The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Department
Ottawa

I have the honor
to be Sir
Your Obed.t Servant
Fred.k Kerr

— — —

November 4

Nov. 1st	B Woollard	License	$ 10 00	Sent Bank draft
"	Richard Gilbert	"	5 00	No. 03 for $25.00 to
"	William Ingleston	"	5-00	the Department
"	Robert Rook	"	5-00	on the 1st of Nov.
2	Mrs Jane Elliott	"	5 00	Sent Bank draft
7	Robert Bishop	"	10 00	No. 32 for $35.00
"	Robert J Allen	"	5-00	to the Dept on
"	Richard B Joice	"	15-00	the 9. of Nov.
13.	Joseph Masters		5-00	Sent Bank draft
"	Wm Joice		15-00	No 5-4 for $20.00 on
				No. 14 - Nov. 15
21	A J Oswald		5-00	Sent Bank draft
22	William Scott		5-00	No. 44 to the
24	E Spencer		1 00	Department for
"	Wm. Bolton		1 00	the sum of $12.00
				on Nov 26th

Total Amt. $92.00

Hamilton
3. of November 8

Fred. Herr

Hamilton December 8th 1886

Sir

I beg to report that Ira Charles Nurse of Humber Bay near the City of Toronto informs me by letter that Mr Helliwell Fishery Overseer Called on him Lately for to Collect from him his license fee. for this current year — — Ira Nurse says that he paid my Late Father $25.00 on the 30th of April last which I believe is Correct for I find in looking over the Book that the Late Overseer sent an application to the Department for a license for Ira Nurse accompanied with a Bank Draft No. 3. for the sum of Twenty five dollars dated on the 2nd of May last for which license Ira Nurse says he never received as yet

If you find the application and money Correct in your Dept- I would recommend — that you be pleased to grant Ira C. Nurse his license

All of which is respectively submitted for Your Consideration & approval — —

The Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

I remain Sir Your
Obed. Servant
Fred. Kew

Hamilton Dec.r 3. 1888

Sir

As the time is drawing near to Collect all Fishery returns for the year. I would respectively ask you to inform me the extent and limits of the Division that I am to look after as I never got any information personally from the Department on the subject

I also wished to be informed if the Dept have Confirmed my appointment yet. if so at what Salary I have been doing the work since my Father death 6th of May last and if you have decided on my Salary, some of it would be very acceptable to me at present Please let me know at your earliest Convenience.

All of which is respectively Submitted

The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

I remain Sir Your
Obed.t Servt
Fred.k Beer

Hamilton Dec 10th 1885

Sir

I beg to report that John Babcock of Burlington complains that John Collings of The Town of Burlington trespassed on his fishing limits on the 30th of Nov. last without his permission some time ago Mr Babcock says he gave him permission before he commenced to fish himself and when he commenced he forbid Collings to fish any more and on the 30th he found and lifted Collings net and left it in the boat & went home intending to return and apprise Collings of the fact and when he returned he found the Boat net and his own nets removed he proceeded to the wharf where Collings keep his boat and found his nets thrown into a heap of stones entirely destroyed and when he accused Collings of doing the deed he denied it and severely assaulted him and his brother Mr Babcock wishes me The Dept to prosecute Collins before a Magistrate for trespassing & destroying his property. Mr Collins wrote me a letter to day that Babcock gave him permission to fish and did not forbid him to stop both these men have licenses to fish. Collings has a license to fish for his own use in front of Burlington east of the old wharf adjoining Babcocks limits the Case seems so complicated that I do not like to interfere without instruction from the I informed Mr Babcock that he had redress in his own hands by a Act in the Fisheries Act Chap. 95. I will write what Course I will take in the matter

Yrs

The Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

Hamilton Dec 10. 1888

Dear Sir.

I respectively ask you to be kind to write the Minister of Fisheries C. H. Tupper in my behalf with regard to the position vacated by the death of my Late Father whose duties I have been performing to the general satisfaction of The Fishery Dept since the demise of my late Father 9th May last

I have been informed by Mr Carpenter M. P. that he believes that its the intention of the Department to divide the division into three parts after the end of the year namely No. 1 from Toronto to Port Credit No 2 from Port Credit to Burlington No. 3 from Burlington to Port Erie or thereabouts No. 3 Division is the one

I believe that I am to take charge of in case of this division the salary will be divided accepted also, so there will not much benifit be derived from the position. I feel much disappointed in the way things are turning out as I work hard and took great pains to transact the Business in a proper manner pertaining to the interest of both the Fishery Dept & Fishermen expecting in the meantime to be appointed for the whole division ...

Would you be Pleased to use your influence in my behalf in getting me the same division and salary that my late Father had. Hoping that I am not trespassing too much on your time for this favour

I remain your

Respectively

Yours Truly

Hamilton

To C. J. Bayfurt Esq
M P St Catherines

Hamilton Dec. 17. 1888

Dear Sir

I regret extremely that you have had
to remain here during the cold
weather. Owing to my late arrival
from Europe & the pressure of
business which then came upon me
I was unable to get your
Furnace finished in time to
prevent your having to remain
over. The Furnace is now
ready for use & I hope you will
have a successful heat.

Enclosed please find Contractors
Certificate of the Completion of the
Furnace & the Engineers certificate
of the Test of Capacity. The
latter shows that the Furnace
has a capacity of 100 tons per
day of 24 hours. I have
therefore pleasure in handing you
herewith Cheque for £ 1000
being the balance of the Contract
price. I have also pleasure in
handing you herewith Cheque for
£ 500 being the Bonus for
exceeding the guaranteed
capacity.

Yours truly

Hamilton

Hamilton Dec. 11. 1888

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for licenses for the following names

1st Charles Smith Hamilton for a license to spear Herring Pike & Bass in the Public waters of Burlington Bay Commenceing on the 1st of Nov. 1888 and ending the 1st of April 1889 the Fee to be the sum of one Dollar - - - -

2nd Wm Wyte Hamilton do do - - - -

3rd Wm Smith Hamilton " " - - - -

4th Isaac Pickard Bronte for a license to fish 2 boats Containing 8000 yds of seine Herring Gill net 4000 yds for each boat in that portion of the Public Waters of Lake Ontario fronting the Counties of Halton & Peel for this Current year 1888 the fee to be ten dollars - - -

The money for these licenses will be paid when licenses are delivered

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant those Licenses

All of which is respectively Submitted

The Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

I am Sir Your
Obed't Servant
Hugh Hare

Hannover Dec. 11. 1888

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Hamilton Dec'r 14 1888

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for Licenses for Mr Charles Inerse Hotel Keeper at the Humber on Lake Ontario for this Current Year 1889 The Amt already sent to the Dept for a License to fish one Seine net in Lake Ontario in front of his own premises west of the Humber Bridge the same to extend up the Lake to the west end of Mimico the Seine to be 150 yds long the fee sent $10.00

2nd for a Boat License from to fish 5000 yds of Trout & Herring Gill Nets in that Portion of the Public waters of Lake Ontario between the Humber and Port Credit adjoining the County of Peel The fee sent $10.00

I beg to state that Mr Charles Inerse informs me that in giving the late Overseer the sum of $25:00 on the 2nd of May Last that $20.00 of that Amount was for his Licenses and the remaining $5:00 was for a debt that he owed him as my Father was in a very Critical state at the time he may of made a mistake in handing the $25:00 as Mr. Inerse never paid any more then $20.00 for the same previleges heretofore

All of which is respectively submitted

The Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

I remain Sir your Obed't Servant
Wm. Kerr

Hamilton Dec 24th 1866

Sir

I beg to report that I have collected most all the Division statistics from Houlton Bay Lake Erie to Port Credit Lake Ontario I have noticed those at a distance that I could not see I expect to have them all in this week ready to make out the returns

What about the Elgin division Toronto and Whitby will I collect the returns for them if so I must have forms to proceed with the work

Please send me some Blank forms of abstracts for disbursements and expenditure as I want to make out my Quarterly return

All of which is most respectfully submitted

To the Deputy Minister Inspector Sir Your
Inland Revenue Department Obedient Servant
Ottawa Fred: Kerr

Hamilton Dec 26th 1888

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. for the sum of Twenty three dollars 23
Would you be pleased to apply this amount as follows for Licenses for the years 1888 & 1889—
1st To the Receiver of Boats a License to fish two Boats five dollars for each Boat, Licenses received and delivered the present Herewith $10.00
2nd John Gentle Bowle for Licenses already received and delivered on account of License $5.00
3rd Wm Whyte, Charles Smith, And Wm Smith for Spearing License already received & delivered $3.00
4 to 9. Baldwin Burlington, Alex Macdonald, Burlington Beach, George Waterbury, Saltfleet, Alfred Harris do do and John Hughson Hamilton for Licenses to Spear Pike East Herring in the Public waters of Burlington Bay Commencing on the 15th Nov. 1888 and ending on the 15th of April 1889 one dollar for each License, herewith sent $5.00
Would you be please to grant Licenses Total $23.00
to the last five names mentioned
I beg to state that John Gentle Bowle has had hard luck having lost nearly all his nets and not being able to pay his full License fee $15.00 I humbly ask the Fishery Dept to let him off for the five dollars here sent for this year, as he is in very straighten Circumstances at present
All of which is respectively Submitted for your consideration and Approval

The Deputy Minister
of Marine & Fish Dept

I remain Sir Your
Obed't Servant
Fred. Kerr

December 6

Decemb. 9	Wm Whipple	License	$1 00	Rent Bank
9	Charles Smith	do	1 00	Draft 9th
"	William Smith	do	1 00	1/2 for the
14	P.G. Babcock	"	1 00	term of tavern
22	Alex Macdonald	"	1 00	Three dollars
"	George Waterbury	"	1 00	to the Fisher
"	Alfred Harris	"	1 00	Department
"	John Vaughan	"	1 00	on the 24th
26	Isaac Rickard	"	10 00	of December
"	John Hartell	"	5 00	1833 — —

Total Amount Rent $ 23.00

Hamilton 29 Dec. 6

Fred Heer

Hamilton Dec.r 28.th 1888

Sir

I beg to report for your information that Mr Frederick Corey. and other Fishermen residents of Burlington Beach Lake Ontario. Request me to bring a matter of much importance to them. to the notice of the Fishery Department so that some action be taken in the Case if possible. Namely that the Hon.ble Minister would be pleased to notify and request the Authorities of the Grand Trunk Railway to have their Draw Bride over the Burlington Canal on North Western Railway Banner left open though the Coming winter months. so as to enable the Fishermen to seek a harbour or a place of refuge for their boats in case of storm or when it is impossible to land, on the beach on account of ice And of the Bridge is closed which is generally done heretofore in former years It will prove a great convience to them as their Boats are much Larger and of a better Class. I am glad to say then formerly used but with more difficulty to manage especially when the sea banks accumulate along the shore And when there is heavy sea or current is running it is almost impossible to land without injury to the Boat and danger to the men except going into the Canal then the trouble there is of the Bridge is Closed they must insure able steamers their masts or Collide with Bridge which some is unable to remove their mast low so as to avoid the danger I believe that the company are bound to keep the Draw Bridge open according to agreement they are not empowered to interfere or obstruct any navigable waters which I contend they are. Lawyers refer to Chap.r 9.. Sec.n 6.th Clause. 42. Page 9.th Consolidated Railway Act of Canada and which I believe the Fishermen boats will come under - - - -

All of which is respectively submitted for your favourable and kind attention

I remain Sir Your Obed.t Servant Fred Kerr

To the Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept Ottawa

Year Ending

Hamilton
1st October — 31 December

				miles		
1865						
October	4	Off Burlington Beach collecting				
"		Off to St Catharines & return				
		collecting Revenue from				
		Pilot Licenses fees	1	100	M.Y.N.B.	5 25
"	10	Off to Brant & Port Credit Collecting	1	62	M.Y.	2 50
"	17	Off to B. Bay delivering licenses	1	15	M.B.	2 50
"	19	Off Brant House at Dundas for Gage for				
		Gas Boat	1	12	M.B.	2 00
"	31	Off to Port Credit to see Brant				
		and thence to Brantford	1	62	M.B.	3 00
November	6	Off to St Catharines thence to				
		Mile Creek thence to Niagara	1	50	M.B.	4 25
"	7	Off from Niagara to St Catharines				
		thence to Port Dalhousie thence				
		back to Burlington	1	50	M.Y.N.B.	2 50
"	9	To Brantford to see John Jenkins about				
		[illegible]	1	[illegible]		[illegible]
	12	Off Burlington Beach on Revenue				
		Station on Twenty to see the fishers	1	15	M.B.	2 50
"	13	Down to B Bay aboard the Boat				
		to Hamilton Boat	1	15	M.B.	2 50
"	14	Out on B. Bay grapling for nets	1	12	M.B.	2 25
"	16	Off on B. Bay collecting & preparing				
		License fees &c	1	13	M.B.	2 00
"	19	Down to Burlington Heights	1	16	M.B.	2 50
	20	Off Hamilton Boat being sprung.				
		Appearing was spring on	1	12	M.B.	2 00
"	21	Off to Port Erie by suspension				
		Bridge & collecting Pilot fees	1	90	M.B. & M.B.	5 00
"	22	Off from Port Erie to Point				
		Abino Lake Erie thence to Ridge				
		Road Lake Erie thence to Port				
		Maria	1	90	M.B. & [illegible]	5 40
"	25	Out Grapling for nets in B. Bay				
		and Collecting Pilot License fees	1	12	M.B.	2 25
"	26	Out to Dundas on [illegible] Dalhousie				
		and Milepoint to Hamilton Boat				
		then Land mail &c	1	40	M.B.	3 00
"	27	Off the Hamilton B. Bay Looking				
		for nets and Collecting Appearing Fees	1	12	M.B.	2 00
"	28	Out to Dundas inspecting mills				
		found alright	1	15	M.B.	2 50
"	29	Off to the Beach	1	15	M.B.	2 50
Dec.	2	Out on B Bay Grapling for nets	1	12	M.B.	2 00
				23.767.		166 40

Genl: Hero

Hamilton
1st October 31st December 8

184						
December				23	769	66 40
"	12	Wt Bronte Collecting Licenses fees		1	42 Rg HB	3 00
"	14	Off to Port Dalhousie thence to St Catherines getting up annual returns		1	80 Rg Bd	4 40
"	16	Off from St Catherine to Queenston & Niagara & Back to St Catherine getting up do.			35 HRBd.	2 75
"	19	off to Catherine to Port Dalhousie Beamsville & Grimsby thence home		1	35 HRBg	4 40
"	21	Wt Burlington Beach and to the Town of Burlington getting the Annual returns		1	20 HB	2 50
"	24	Wt Bronte &c &c &c		1	100 HRBg	8 00
				29	1093	96 40
					Total Amt	96 80

Hamilton Dec 31st 1860

Dear Sir

Shall you please cause to be delivered to
the Bearer one Licence for the above
mentioned Vessel for which you will
be pleased to charge me the usual dues
Also Sent me by the Bearer the Annual
Returns of your
Port which I have
Examined & find
correct
I am Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
[illegible]
Collr

Hamilton Dec 31st 1888

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith for your Consideration and approbal my accounts and expenditure incurred by me during my active duties in the Hamilton Division for the Quarter endeng 31st of December 1888 Amounting to = $86.80

Add Voucher No 1. Ded.t Hon.r Officement 50.00
" " 2. Ded.t Hon.r Postages 3.00
" " 3. Ded.t Hon.r Telegraphs 1.10
" " 4 John Wilkins Boatman & 5.00
Total .. $100.80

I beg to report that I travelled 1.043 miles during The Quarter ending ending 31st Dec.r 1888 for which I absolutely found it necessary to do in order to do the Business properly

All of which is respectively submitted

The Deputy Minister
Customs Dept
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obed.t Servant
Ged.k Ekers

Yo Andrew Ker Queenston
Hamilton Jan 21 1869

Dear Sir

Yours of the 1st Dec received I find in looking the Book that an application was made on the 10th of March last to the Fishery Dept by the Late Overseer in your behalf for a license to fish one seine in the Niagara River between the Black horse Tavern and the half moon Battery for which the Amount of License fee was to be $15.00 I also find on the 2nd April last there was $10.00 sent to the Dept in your name leaving a balance of $5.00 which you owe in debt to the Dept which you will be pleased to send immediately if I am to make application for you another year The license for 1868 was mailed on the 13th of April last in care of Mar J. Elliott Queenston The license for 1869 will be due the first of next year Your friend &c

Hamilton January 10th 1889

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No — for the sum of $20.00 twenty dollars — — — —

Would you be pleased to apply this amount as follows for licenses for the years 1888 & 1889 —

1st/ Charles Nurse Humber Bay for a Boat Licence to fish 6000 yards of White fish Trout and Herring gill net in that portion of the Public Waters of Lake Ontario, from abreast the Exhibition Grounds Toronto to Port Credit County of Peel The fee sent $10.00

2nd/ Charles Nurse do do for a license for one seine 250 yards long to fish in the Waters of Lake Ontario from the Parkdale Waterworks [illegible] Current year the amt sent — — — $5:00

I beg to state that Nur Nurse overpaid his license fee last year by $5:00 he sending $15:00 now in place of $20.00 deducting the last year overplus to which I called your attention a few days ago

3 Mrs Jane Elliot Niagara balance on license for the year 1886 herewith sent $5:00

Total Amt sent $20:00

I would recommend that you would be pleased to grant Mr Charles Nurse his licenses for this Current year All of which is respectively submitted for your Consideration & approval

To The Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fredk Kerr

Hamilton January 10th 1882

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for seine hauling licenses at Niagara for this Current year 1882

10th Thos Janie Elliot Town of Niagara on the Lake a license for to fish two seines in Lake Ontario between Kennedy Holland and Boussaus wharf Niagara River 720 yards and 250 yds respectively Legal white fish seine and to be changeed to herring Centre when it become necessary the amount of fee to be the same as last year - - - - $15:00

20th Andrew Vansteamburg Youngstown for a seine license to fish in the Niagara River between the Black horse Tavern and the Half-Moon Battery Niagara Township and Niagara Town the Amount of fee to be the same as last year $15:00

The above money to Paid when Licenses are delivered

I recommend that you be pleased to Grant these Licenses

All of which is respectively Submitted

To the Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Kerr
C. E.

No 1

Hamilton January 1887

Sir

I have the honor to submit to you the annual report and statistics of the Hamilton Division extending from Moulton Bay Lake Erie to Toronto Lake Ontario including Niagara River for the year ending 31st of December 1886

In the upper end of this Division Lake Erie I find a decrease in the Catch of all kinds of fish taken in previous years it has been a continual demunition for two years past not half the Amount been caught that was taken in year 1886. Various reasons and accounts have been given to me for the decrease — — — Many of the fishermen express their belief that the failure of gill netting is caused by. owing to so many Pound nets being used up the Lake which they contend. drives the fish especially Herring out so far into the deep or open water that they are unable to reach or catch them therefore they believe that they will have to do away with gill net fishing altogether as the Catch is so small that it hardly pays expenses. The few fish that were caught was taken through the ice in the winter months when Pound net fishing is over for the season. They express a desire that Pound Nets Licenses should be granted to them if so required

Seine fishing at Port Erie have been very poor for the past season caused no doubt by the dumpage of garbage &c &c by the Authorities of the City of Buffalo into the Niagara River — — —

At Queenston and Niagara Niagara River Lake Ontario there is a general satisfaction prevailing among the fishermen with regard to their Catch for the past season the Cisco Herring at Niagara being plentiful and of splendid size. The catch of

Queenston

Sturgeon at these place was fair with rapid sales and good prices. One fisherman alone catching as high as 5-000 pounds which he sold at 4½ cents per pound. Over ten tons of this fish being caught at Queenston and Niagara - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

The Catch of White fish & Trout have been on the decrease not being fish for to any extent the past season in this division Lake Ontario or for some years back the fishermen do not look for them. And therefore the Majority do not make any preparation to fish for them some not taking out seine licenses unless they are sure of a good run of fish. As the fishing of Ciscoes and those herrings is more remunerative and profitiful to them a fish that has taken the place of all others as a Business

Various reasons and opinions have been given me in regard to the cause of the decrease of this most palatable fish the white fish. one remarkable opinion prevails among the fishermen is that the Cis-coes herring has became so numerous as to drive them off. their feeding and spawning grounds. There was some talk of soliciting the Fishery Department to reduce the mesh of white fish & Trout gill net to four and one quarter inches extension measure. A Petition being issued by some parties residing on the North shore of Lake Ontario to be circulated among the fishermen in this vicinity to be signed. which request I am glad to say they refused to comply with. saying which I think a very sensible idea and opinion. That if the white fish or Trout ever increase in size or quantities it will not be by reducing the mesh which opinion I fully endorse. I would recommend that the mesh of the white fish & Trout gill net be kept as it is at present 4 inches extension measure as it will be to the interest of the Fishermen in the future

Species the principal fishing done in this district on Lake Ontario is at the River herring fishery this fish was very numerous the past season and being caught in very large quantities and of uncommon size some weighing over 3 pounds a piece The Parent fishermen taking great interest in this industry there is a great improvement in boats and outfits of those engaged in this work which enable them to go out a very long distance I would recommend that this fishery should receive special attention from the Fishery Department so as to preserve this valuable fish as much as possible I would suggest that a close season be made for Species and also a regulation passed in Council that low no gill nets being used with meshes less than 2¾ inch extension measure

I found in my rounds of inspection that the fishermen were very desirous to observe the rules and regulation set down by the Fishery department no Contravention of the the Act coming under my notice since the demise of the late Inspector of may last except a case of trespass between two fishermen living at Burlington which Magistrate James Cahill Hamilton dismissed

Close seasons have been well kept especially on the Hamilton Division Lake Ontario for white fish and trout no fishing being carried on for them after the first day of Nov

Saw-mills & Saw dust I made careful inspection and examination of the various saw-mills on the 12 mile Creek and found everything kept in according to law in the best possible manner.

All of which is most respectfully submitted

To the Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

I remain Sir
Your obedient
Servt
Wm Vanvelzer

re willing to pay and I will make
n application to the Fishery Dep.t
your behalf if you see your applica-
tion is satisfactory

I remain your
Yours
Fred: J. Cooper
G. O. Hamilton

Upon Acct
Acct
Bill

Hamilton Jan.y 14th 1889

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 31st of Dec.r
duly received. In reference to your
license to fish three or four pounds
nets I beg to state that I cannot give
you a decided answer in the matter
until I fully understand in what
shape you wish to fish them
In Lake Huron they fish what we
call double headed two nets in a string
with two Pots one on the extreme
end and the other in the centre or
the end of the first net for which
they pay the sum of $8.00 for each
double headed net, Please make out
your application in writing stating
as plainly as possible what you
want and also state the Boundries
of you limits and what fees you

Hamilton Feb 11th 1889

Dear Sir.

Your account has
been sent back with the request
that you direct it to the Minister
yourself and not through me as I am not responsible for any
promises that may have been made
you

Yours Truly
Fred: J. Cooper
G. O.

Wm Flanagan Esq
Port Perry

Hamilton Feb 11th 1864

Dear Sir

Yours Covering Rec
Bond with the required
Sureties duly executed
for the Discharge
of the Duties of
Collector of Tolls
for the Town of
Glanford

Hamilton 15th January 1869

Sir

I beg to state that in reference to Mrs Jane Elliot being in arrears to the Dept. which you referred to in your letter of 7th instant I find in looking over the Letter Book that Mrs Elliot has paid her License fee in full $15:00. you will please observe in looking over the records that in April last $5:00 was sent in her behalf by the Late Inspector see letter dated 3rd of April Bank Draft No 45. and on November 9th Bank Draft No 32 $5.00 more was sent and the balance of $5:00 was sent on the 13th instant making in all the Stipulated fee of $15:00

I herewith send you two unclaimed Licenses one in favor of Wm Barton Late of Burlington Beach who fished for about a fortnight then sold his net to different Fishermen and Cleared out by night unaware to me. The other License in behalf of Pt M Carey who declined to take it as one License was sufficient for him for the season he being granted a Boat License to fish Ciscoes Herring in July last

All arrears are in now except That of James Joyce and John Hertle of Scarte the former being in arrears $2.00 The Latter $10.00 these men I have notified time and again but can get no money but I will try once more

All of which is respectively submitted

To The Deputy Minister Fisheries Department Ottawa

I am Sir Your Obed't Servant Asst. Fish. Off. H.O.

Hamilton Feb 4th 87

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 2nd instant reached here to day too late as I have sent the Shedule of applications down to the Dept on Saturday but no matter if you find that you cannot come to a satisfactory agreement with Gauthier let me know as soon as possible and I will communicate with the Dept and get the license changed. I wrote to C. W. Gauthier over a week ago but did not receive an answer

Daniel Lees
Esqr
Niagara

Your Truly
Fred. Perry
J. P.
Hamilton

Hamilton Jan 21st 1887

Dear Madam

I have received the licenses for you and Ma Van Steamburg I will bring them down in few days please notify Van Steamburg so as to enable him to have the license ready for me when I am down I must finally be paid in advance before delivering the licenses as this is my orders from the Dept for the year 1887 hoping you and family are well

I remain yours
Respectfully
Fred. Perry
J. P.
Hamilton

Mrs Jane Ellis
Niagara
Ont

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Hamilton Jan 22. 1889

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to send me the number of Pound nets you fished last year in the County of Elgin. And the number you wish to fish this season the names of your partners if you have any. And any Changes you wish to make in the Locality of such Pound nets that is to say opposite what Township and what Lot it is set opposite. For I am instructed by the Fishery Dept to forward all applications to them of those who desire to fish the Coming season as soon as possible Please forward your application to me on the receipt of this so as enable me to prepare a Shedule Shedule to be examined and approved by the Minister of Fisheries so as Enable him to decide the number of Licenses to be issued for the year 1889. in the County of Elgin I would visited that region last week and hearing that you was in Selkirk I take this method in reaching Hoping that you are well

I remain yours
Truly
Fred. Gee
Fishery Inspector
Boss 145 Hamilton

To Absalom Hover
Selkirk

C&C 3

Hamilton, Jan. 25. 1892

Dear Sir

I would refer to Colonel Te
Read over the enclosed ~~of~~ Journal
note over the signature of Mr Cameron
Conveying to Colonel Read the Answers
over which he thinks there seems
some doubt as to the Correctness
of the Answers ~~of~~ Colonel Read
has given to the Questions
submitted to him by Mr Cameron
I have also sent Colonel Read
the Petition of Electors
which he will please return
to me with his Answers
to the Questions
submitted to him by Mr Cameron
I am
Dear Sir
Yours very truly
[illegible]
Solicitor

To Chairman
Returning Officer
West Elgin

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To Chairman
Returning Officer
West Elgin

Hamilton January 24th 1877

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22 instant on my return from the Elgin Division mourning the appointment of William Sargent Fisherman Beamsville the position of Fishery Overseer for that portion of Lake Ontario extending from Port Credit to Burlington Beach at the Grand House. Would you be pleased to inform me whether that will embrace the Beach as far as the Piers Burlington Canal. Would you notify and apprise Mr Sargent that his Brother-in-law James Price & John Gentile Beamsville are in arrears to the Dept $20.00 and $10.00 respectively for license fees for last year.

I will be able to forward the shedule for the Elgin Division in few days I have seen all the Licensed Fishermen & all done I am waiting them.

All of which is respectively submitted.

To the Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

I am Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Greer
J. O.

Recommendation to the Fishery Dept in behalf of Alex Blakly of Port Credit

Hamilton January 30 1869

Sir

I would recommend that this account of Mr Alex Blakly Fishery Overseer Port Credit Biver be paid in full as I believe all these duties mentioned in the account were performed under the orders and instruction of the late Inspector I for years until his demise & you may rest assured as far as I know Mr Blakly has perform his duties faithfully and diligently as a fishery officer and to the Interest of the Fisheries

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred: Wm
J.O.

The Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

Hamilton Jan 30 1869

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 28th instant I beg to say that in reference to the report that you refered to I can say that there is no truth in it whatever. I did read account in one of the newspapers where the Fishery Dept were going to stope Giveing Licenses to American Fishermen on the lakes at which article I presume gave rise to such report I respect you can go on and build your net and fear no evil saith the Lord. Would you please inform me whether there is any fishing going on with nets through the ice in the Lake on towards Point Abino if you find out by enquiries that there is please let me know and oblige

Yours C. A Harris
Port Erie

I remain yours
Fred: Wm
J.O.

Hamilton January 30 1909

Recommendation to the Fishing Depot in behalf
of Miss Edith [illegible]

Hamilton January 30 1909

The
Provincial Government of the
Province of Ontario
Toronto

Gentlemen

Miss Edith [illegible] Port Credit Ontario has
applied to me for a position as Teacher in the Fishing
Depot to be established at Port Credit during the
coming season. I have much pleasure in recommending
her as a suitable person to fill the position
and as far as I know she will be very
faithful and diligent in the discharge of the duties
that may devolve upon her in the above
position & in case she receives the appointment
she will be found at her post of duty
at the proper time.

I remain Sirs
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
M.P.

Hamilton Jan 30 1909

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the
30th instant & beg to say that in reference
to the report that you required to be sent
regarding Miss Edith's fitness to teach in the
Fishing Depot, I do not recommend in any
way the recommendations before the Fishing
Depot have been signed by others who
have had more opportunity of knowing
her qualifications as a teacher than I have had
& I would therefore prefer that you
should procure such testimonials as you require
from some other person.

Yours truly
C. A. Harris
M.P.

Hamilton Jan 30 1909

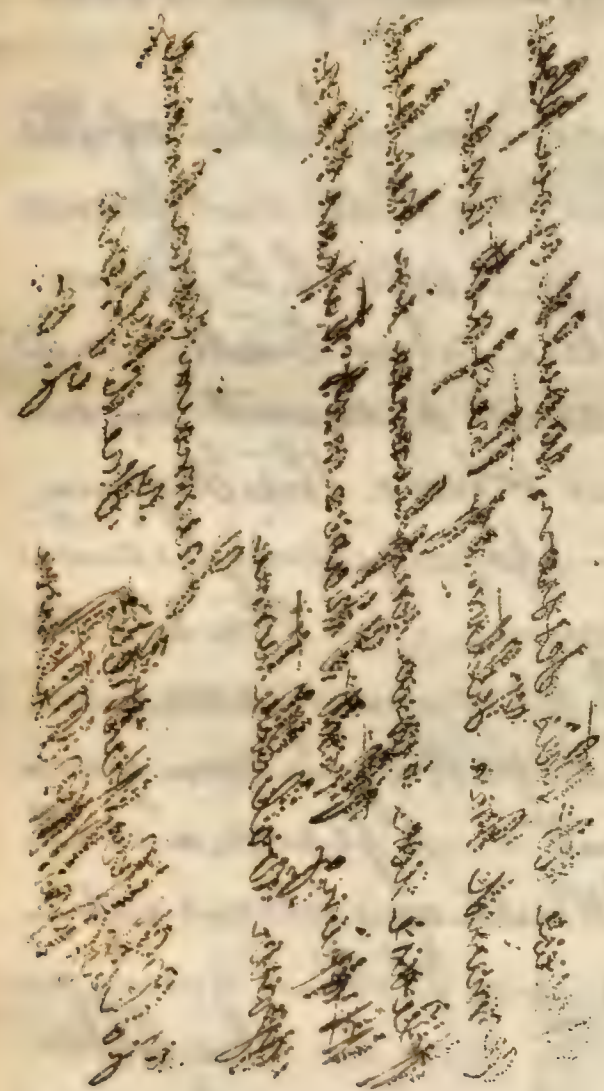
Hamilton Jan 31. 1889

Dear Sir

I would like to have seen you before you went to Parliament. I called at your office in your absence on my way to Niagara on Tuesday last Seen Wm Jervois Clerk of that Town and made arrangements to have our Mannies properly assessed on our late Father property. I am sorry to say that the Dept has not confirmed my appointment that is to say as to the extent of my limits and the salary that I am to receive as I only received my expenses so far although I have nothing to Complain of as they have gave me plenty responsible Constituents Which I believe I have given general satisfaction I most respectively ask you to see Thomas Carpenter & Ferguson M.P.s

M.Ps and try arrange this matter as soon as possible. The Dept have given me the Elgin Division Lake Erie Late held by my late Father to attend to but have taken away that District on Lake Ontario from Burlington to Toronto and appointed a Fisherman named Sergent of Toronto to the office. Wm Gilton Deputy Minister expressed himself to me & Wm Carpenter last May when I was in Ottawa that of the estimates had not been passed in before my Father death he would certainly would have put a Claim in behalf of Mother for the long & faithful past services rendered to the Dept for 23 years by my late Father who did not receive any extra for extra services for some time previous to his death although he was promised it and expecting it Wm Gilton promised to bring the matter before the House

House



January 9

Jan. 10	Charles Nurse	License	$ 15.00	Sent to the Dept
"	Mrs. Jane Elliot	"	5.00	by Bank Draft &c.-
				219 on the 10 Jan 1899
		Total Amt	$ 20.00	

Hamilton Feby 9th 1899

Fred. Kerr

Hamilton

The Number and number of Fishermen employed 920 Pounds. Fished last year 1894

Name of Fishermen	Residence	Locality of Pounds or Pounds	No. Pounds fished	
No 1		1895.		
Wm. H. Conary	Port	East of Port Burwell harbour		
Henry Swan	Burwell	as far as the town line between		
& [illegible]		the Townships of Bayham & Houghton	4	
[illegible]	Port	one in front of 23 Front Con.		+ Brown
Wm. H Cudney	Burwell	Cession of Malahide 2 in front		sold out
	P.O	of the Townline Malahide &		to Francis
		Bayham 2 in front of lot		Jackson
		5 Front Con of Bayham	5	
No 3				
Sylvanus Young & Co	Port Bruce P.O.	East of Port Bruce River and west of Brown & Cudney west Boundry	5	
No 4				
Thos Thompson	Port Bruce P.O. 6	West of Port Bruce Harbour fronting on the Townships of Malahide & Yarmouth to Sec ter side line	5	
No 5				
John Price	Port Stanley P.O	one in front of lot No 4 South hold one in front of lot 10 one in lot 13 one in front of the Yarmouth and one in of South half 15	5	+ Price sold out to Silas Brown
No 6				
John Ellison	Port Stanley P.O	one on the town line of Dunwich and South hold one opposite of McBeth estate one in front of Bubes farm one in front McBeth Estate next to Campbell and one in front of Anthony Cranes	5	
No 7				
Wm Church & Company	Fairmount P.O	2 pound in front of lot 8 and 2 on a line between lots 12 13 10 Con of Dunwich *	4	+ he had Licence for 5 pound only fished
Wm Church	sold out to Jacob E Thomas			

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The name and no. of Fishermen and no. of Pounds for the Season 1887

Name of Fisherman | for year 1888 | Residence | Locality of Pound or Pounds | No. Pounds fished 1888 | remarks

Carried Forward 83

No 8
Jacob Jay Jr. | Colborne | One Pound on line between lots 3 & 4 in Con of Dereham & one Pound between lots 6 & 7 in Con of Dereham

No 9
Daniel Laing | Eagle P.O. | one Pound in front of lot 14 2 Pound in front of lot 21. 14 Con of Aldboro | 2 | Laing & Leach Brought out

No
C. W. Gauthier Jun. | do | 2 Pounds on the east side of lot 20 one Pound one line between lots No 17 & 18 14 Con Township of Aldboro | 3 | C. W. Gauthier of Dereham License within the name this year

Alex Jon Hare | Rankin | between western limits of C. W. Gauthier Fishery and Saunders line between the Centres of Kent & Elgin | 3

No. of Pounds fished | 4

45 for 1888

I am forwarding this Schedule for your information of the no. of Fishermen and Pound nets for the County of Elgin for the year 1888 & find and you will please observe by comparing the two Schedules of 87 & 88 respectively of the several changes in the proprietorship of Pound nets in the County of the present year. You will find in looking over the Copy and the Schedule for application for 1889 that No 2 George A Brown sold out to Jacob Jackson the farm for this year will be Cudney & Jackson No 1 John Shia sold out to Allen Bacon No 2 instead of Wm Chisholm the nets will be fished in the name of Jacob & Thomas No 11 C W Gauthiers sold out to Laing & Leach Eagle P.O.

All of which respectfully

The Deputy Minister of Fisheries Ottawa.

Fred Wellers

Claim Division

The names of Fishermen and number of Pounds applied for year 1889

Name & residence	Locality	No. of pounds to be drawn applied for.	Remarks
Port Burwell P. O.			
Wm. J. Bracey Henry Swain Wm. Backhouse Wm. Cudney Jerauld Jackson	East of Port Burwell Harbour they apply as far as the Town line between the Townships of Bayham & Dunwich and West of Port Burwell Pier or harbour to Lot No. 22 Township of Malahide	4 pounds for 6 pounds nets for 1889 5	
Port Bruce P. O.			
Sylvanus Young	East of Port Bruce Pier and west of Cudney & Jackson's Boundary in front of Lot No. 25 Township of Malahide	He applys for 5 pounds nets for 1889 5	
Port Bruce P. O. Wm. Thompson	West of Port Bruce fronting the Township of Malahide & Yarmouth to Dexter side line	He applys for 6 pounds for year 1889 5	
Port Stanley P. O.			
Alex Bacon	Three pounds in front of Lots No.s 4 & 10 & 13 Town ship of Southwold. 1 in front of Lot No 7. and one in front of South half of Lot No. 15 Township of Yarmouth	He applys for 5 pounds nets for the year 1889 5	
Port Stanley P. O. John Ellison	One pound for the dozen line between Dunwich and Southwold one opposite the East of the Estate two in front of the Estate owned by D. Campbell and one in front of Anthony Graves Township of Dunwich	He applys for 5 pounds for the year 1889 5	

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Elgin Division Continued

The names of Fishermen and number of Pounds applied for in year 1889

Name & residence	Locality of Pounds or Pound	No of Pounds applied for	No of Pounds to be granted
Port Stanley P. O.		Carried forward	29 pounds
Arthur Ellison	One Pound in front of Bubes Farm Township of Dunwich	He applies for the one Pound for 1889	1 "
Lyaconell P. O			
Jacob E. Thomas	Two Pounds in front of Lot No. 8 and three between Lots Nos 13 & 14 Township of Dunwich	He applies for the 5 Pounds for year 1889	5 "
Lyaconell P. O			
Page & Balson	One Pound between Lots Nos 1 & 2 and two between Lots Nos 4 & 5 Township of Dunwich	They apply for three Pound for 1889	2 "
Lyaconell P. O.			
Isaac Thomas	one in front of Lot No 4 Township of Dunwich	he applys for one 1889	1 "
Eagle P. Office			
Daniel Laing	Two Pounds in front of Lots 14 and two in front Lot 2 114 ft for 4 Pound Concession Township of Aldboro	He applys for 4 Pound for year 1889	4 "
Eagle P. Office			
Malcolm Leach	Three Pounds Nets in front of Lots Nos 18 19 20 21 Township Aldboro	he applys for three	3 2 "
Rodney Aldboro P.O			
Absalom Hover	Town in front of Lot No 13 Township Aldboro to the Boundry Line between Kent & Elgin	He applies for 5 pounds for 1889	5" "
	Total No of Pounds recommended for 1889		48 Pounds

The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Ottawa

Recd. in Year
J. O Hamilton

Hamilton February 4th 1869

Sir I have the honor of submitting your this shedule shewing the number of Pound nets Fishermen residing in the Elgin Division and also the number of applecations for Pound nets for this Current year 1869 After Carefully Considering the matter and the necessity of keeping this mode of Fishing within reasonable bounds and impressing the same on the fishermen, I have come to the Conclusion of recommending for your Consideration & approval that Licenses be granted for 48 Pounds for this Division for the Coming season. I wish to draw your attention to Mr John Ellison Port Stanly Recommend that this Son Arthur be granted a license to fish one Pound net within his Father limits in doing so I took into Consideration the fact of Mr J. Ellison intensions of getting up a local Trade with Canadian Fish dealers throughout the whole Dominion and in no form what ever to trade or ship to the States Mr Ellison is a Man employs a large number of men in his various business transactions in fact the is mainstay of the Town where resides his fishing outfit alone is valued at ten thousand dollars. The great Cry Among the fishermen is for more Pound nets but I kept the number to the limit of 5 Pounds for each firm as near as possible In regard to Messrs Eagle & Gauthier alone I found ing on that the bought out C. & Gauthier alone I found out since that he and Mr Leach are partners so in that Case I would recommend that he and Leach be granted 5 Pounds between them. I made some changes in several lines Equalized them as much as possible so as to give gener al Satisfaction.

I remain Your
obedient Servant
Thos. Hayes

The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Ottawa

Hamilton Feby 6th 1889

Sir

I have the honor send you herewith Bank Draft No 295 for the sum of $13,00 Thirteen dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount as follows for License for this current year 1889

1st Joseph Gabriel of Queenston for a license to fish one Machine in the waters of the Niagara river fronting the Town of Queenston County of Lincoln on fishing Lot known as No 1 the present Season with $10.00

2nd Benjamin Arthur Hamilton for a license to Spear Pike Bass & Herring in the Public waters of Burlington Bay Commencing on the 15th of November 1888 and ending on the 1st of April 1889 fee $1,00

3rd George White do do do do $1.00

4th J B Fairchild " " " " $1.00

Total Amount Herewith sent $ 13.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the Licenses

the application is respectfully submitted

The Deputy Minister
of
Fisheries
Ottawa

I remain Sir Your
Obedient Servant
Fred' Dane
G. O

Hamilton Feb 1st 1889

Sir-

I have the Honor to send you herewith Bank Deposit Rec for the sum of $17.00 Seventeen Dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount to Spearing Licences for Burlington Bay - - - - viz Robert Sloans Hamilton Licence to Spear Pike Bass & Herring in the waters of Burlington Bay Commencing on the 15th of Nov 1888 and Ending on the 15th of April 1889 - The fee sent therewith $1.00

2	William Baker	Hamilton	do	do	1.00
3	H. H. Herbert	"	"	"	1.00
4	John Oneal	Burlington Heights	"	"	1.00
5	George Cooper	Hamilton	"	"	1.00
6	James H. Harper	"	"	"	1.00
7	George Kramer	"	"	"	1.00
8	Arthur Catchpole	"	"	"	1.00
9	Joseph Smith	"	"	"	1.00
10	William Jamieson	"	"	"	1.00
11	Ramsay Wells	"	"	"	1.00
12	David Wells	"	"	"	1.00
13	John Dingle	Dundas	"	"	1.00
14	William Walker	Dundas	"	"	1.00
15	Henry Bawden	Hamilton	"	"	1.00
16	Daniel Gattridge	Saltfleet	"	"	1.00
17	George Stipes	Barton	"	"	1.00

Total Amt sent herewith $17.00

I recommend that you be pleased to Grant these Licenses

All of which is respectfully submitted

I am Deputy Minister Fisheries Ottawa

Your obedient Servant Fred Gower G. A.

Hamilton Febr 9. 1889

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for the following licenses for this current year 1889 — — — —
1st B. Woolland Port Credit a Boat license to fish 6000 yds of salmon Trout white fish and Cisco's herring gill net in that portion of the Public waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Peel the fee to be $5.00
2.d And also a license in favor of Jno Woolland to fish one seine 250 yards long on the east & west of the river Credit where it enters Lake Ontario the fee to be $5.00
These licenses be the same as last year total Amt $10.00

As Jno Woolland seems very anxious about receiving his licenses for some reasons or another having wrote to twice in respect to his application and I having no objection and seeing none I would recommend that you be pleased to grant his licenses as earliest as possible the money to be collected as soon as license delivered

All of which is respectively submitted

The Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred.' Herr
J. P.

Hamilton Feb 11 1889

Dear Sir

Your Account has come back again you have a letter due to us to the Minister and give an explanation with respect to the duties that you have performed I don't think that I can help you any

Alex Blakely Esq
Port Credit

Your Truly
Fred. Herr

Private

Hamilton Feb 9 1884

Dear Sir

Your note reached here yesterday with reference to the appointment of Inr sergent of Bronte to Fishery Overseer I can only say notwithstanding what Mr Brouilla says in his letter to you that it only too true. I had an interview with Inr sergent today when he showed me his papers of appointment with a Salary of $200.00 per year his limits extends from Port Credit to Burlington but however I sent your application to the Ld a few days ago so you will have nothing to fear as regard to your fishing limits I can assure you as far as I am concerned. Anything you wish me to do for you let me know and I will be only too willing to do so. He being appointed to the Office I dont think will interfere with me in my official duties pertaining to the Interior of the Fisheries

Yours truly
Fred. Gwyn Q.C.

Rowland Esq
Port Credit

Hamilton Feb 9. 1869

Dear Friend Carpenter

I received your letter a few days ago I am very glad that Mr Ryhert has promised to Coperate with you in my behalf he wrote me to that effect I had an interview with Mr Bergen of Bronte the newly appointed Overseer he showed me his papers of appointment where he is to receive $2.00 per Year this limits extends from Port Credit to Burlington for about 30 miles of Territory pretty good for him if is time I think that I should get my Salary fixed you know how long I have been without and my patience have nearly given up Hoping that I will hear soon from you

Remain Your truly
Friend

Hamilton Feb. 11 1889

Sir

I wish to explain the matter with regard to Blakely's account and the way that I was led in making the mistake. Mr. Blake called to see me with the statement that Mr. McCulla M.P. had requested him to come and see me and get me to recommend the Acct as the Deputy min had promised to pay it this would he took the Document away with him to give it to McCulla at Wyetoville on his to way to Ottawa I did not recd it. of Course I have nothing but Blakely's word for the statement I returned it first telling him that I knew nothing about the matter but was so persistent in his entreaties that I finally wrote the slip stating at the time that I was overstepping my mark I will be more carful in the future in such matters and not Commit myself if I can help it

Thanking you very much for your advice

I remain your respectively

Fred. Herr

A. P. Caron Esq
Minister
Militia
Ottawa

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Hamilton Feb. 16. 1889

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. 329 for the sum of $14.00 Fourteen dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount for spearing licenses for the following names for the privilege to spear Pike Bass & Herring in the public waters of Burlington Bay Commencing on the 15 of Nov 1888. and Ending on the 15 of April 1889

First	James Peetham	Hamilton	$	1.00
2	John Stoner	"		1.00
3	John Arnotte	Flamboro		1.00
4	Arthur Bates	Dalkeith		1.00
5	Thomas Jones	"		1.00
6	Walter Grant	"		1.00
7	E Williams	Burlington Beach		1.00
8	Harry Dynes	" "		1.00
9	William Cameron	Hamilton		1.00
10	John Laing	"		1.00
11	James Ross	"		1.00
12	James Flett	"		1.00
13	Alf Maurice	"		1.00
14	Isaac Pallister	Barton		1.00

Total Amt herewith sent $14.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant these licenses and would you be pleased to forward as soon as possible the spearing licenses that I made application for on the 6th & 9th of the month as the fishermen are enquiring for them

All of which is respectfully submitted

The Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

I remain Sir yours
Obedient Servant
Fred Green
G. O

but I would advise you to make no preparation or go to no expense until you receive a favourable answer from me. It may be some time as the Dept are very busy at present

I remain yours
Truly.
Fred'k Gisborne
Fish Inspector

Hamilton Nov. 15 1869

Dear Sir

Your Communication is duly received and carefully noted I have sent down the schedule of applications to the Fishery Department some time ago for examination & approval of the Minister of Fisheries not knowing that you were a applicant the grounds you urge to in your letter are I believe is covered by a application already. And I am afraid that your chances for a license at present for this year is very small as it is the intention of the Department to curtail this mode of fishing and to keep it within reasonable bound as much as possible thereby preserve the fish but however forward your application

Hamilton Feb. 18. 1859

Dear Sir

Yours of the 16. alto. reached here to day In reference to the size of mesh for Gloucester Fishing I would advise you to get nothing then 2 3/4 inch extension measure before commencing to fish please send the number of yds of net you intend to fish with your license fee $3:00 & then I will be able to obtain your license without any trouble as the orders are that all license fees must be invariable paid in advance

Yo. Ob. Elliot
Collector

Your Truly
Thos. H. Hare
Collr. C. D.

Book 175

Hamilton Feb 19 1859

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter of the 11th instant I am wish me to write a letter of explanation to the Dept in reference to your [illegible] I think it would be better for you to do so yourself as you should be aware of what orders you received from my Predecessor in regard to your duties, and I do not know anything about it only what you tell me. As to any influence on that head would avail nothing especialy now when there is another Collector appointed in your District & I have one of all responsibility in the Division

I believe me Yours
Thos. H. Hare
Collr. C. D.

Hamilton Feb 17 1849

Sir

I beg leave To send you herewith an application that I received for two Island lots in the Detroit River Erie County of Essex in the name of Messrs Forsher & Parks Post office Governors Wing appears to fish two Pounds in front to apply for Lot No 1 Township of Dawnish and the East Lot in the Township of Aldborough Wing Bay on these application that Ira Mcmichael Esqr Member had promised them a license and writing about them when I visited that District and Lord received the application on Saturday last for Carrying over the Copy of the Schedule of applications that I forwarded to the Sec'd for the Governors Final Head the limits that describes is already Granted by an application in the name of Edgar & Baldwin Surrender Would you be pleased to advise me in reference to this application & I will send you Licenses

I have the honor to be Sir Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

Deputy Commissioner
Crown Lands
Essex

Jeremiah Gurd
Deputy Surveyor
Crown Lands

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Hamilton Feby 21st

Dear Sir

Your licenses have arrived here to day. Would you be pleased to favour me the 10.th and I will immediatly Countersign The papers and mail them on receipt of the money. The Licenses the same as last Year Hoping that You are well

I remain Yours
respectfully
Fred.k Glover
J. P.

B Wagland Esq
Post Master

Hamilton Feby

Dear Sir

I have received to day your license to sell one Puncheon the same as last year so soon as I am supplied from another Quarter. Please forward me the money as soon as convenient hoping the Ryes & Family are well

I remain Yours
respectively
Fred.k Glover
J. P.

Jos.h F. Gatland
Dunnville

Book 1.st

Hamilton Feb 25th 1889

Dear Sir

In reference to your application dated the 9th Would you be pleased to give me a better Description of the Locality that is to say what County does Cranberry Creek lay does it empty into the Lake Where and whether you had ever Leased such grounds before if so what amount of License fees did you pay Sir This information before applying to the Fishery Dept in your behalf in order to obtain a License

To W B. Crumb
Dunville

yours Truly
Fred Gore
P.O.
Hamilton

thinking back my appointment if this is one friend of mine I may be wrong if that my opinion be is always ready to give a snub when he gets a chance when I make a little mistake Thanks Good they are any few are you seen the Deputy Minister if he may enlighten you a little the subject thanking you & Remain Yours for your kindness in returning the Minister in my behalf and hoping that everything will come out right yet am to hear from you soon

Yours Sincerely
Fred Gore
Hamilton

Jamain yours
W B Carpenter Esq
P.O.
Ottawa

Private

Hamilton Feby 25th 1869

My Dear Friend Carpenter

Having heard nothing from you lately in reference to my case I take the liberty of letting you know the strange way that the Dept are acting with one which really I dont understand how I will take the Elgin Division for instance I was instructed by the Deputy Minister to proceed there and ascertain how many Pound Nets were fished there Last year and the number of applicants for this year and when this was done I was to be advised as to the number of Licenses that the Dept deemed it necessary to issue I have so making out a shedule to that effect & I am ordered that any application coming in from Port Dover must be sent to the Inspector. The over

† to be reported upon

seer of the County of Kent as he is in charge of those waters then again take the Bronte & Port Credit Districts I am informed in one letter that an overseer has been appointed and that I am relieved of any further duties in that district then Licenses are sent me to Countersign for B Wellers & Fishermen at Port Credit so that the way things are going on the fact of the matter is I am getting only a little all the work possible work but no getting no satisfaction for it that is in regard to my Salary or limits or what is going to be or even whether I am to kept on it has been this way for nearly nine months & you are aware yourself I can assure you that I feel very uncomfortable being encouraged one day and discouraged the next I wonder if Mr Bunnet is the means of

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Hamilton Feby 27th 99

Dear Sir

I beg to inform you that the Fishery Dept in Ottawa to my communication with respect to your application, has notified me that they have referred the matter to Overseer McMichael to report upon to

Yours truly
Jas. Foster
Hamilton

Hamilton Feby. 27th 1899

Dear Sir.

Yours Card of the 24th instant received. I sent Wolfe's application and received his licenses to be delivered when the fee is paid I have notified him to that effect In reference to James Joyce & Gertrude Jeanneau I wrote to the Dept on their matter as yet. Thinking that you had done so as I had to go away shortly after seeing you. If James has paid you or you had better either send the money down or send it to me because the license is in his name. That I hold is written is Countersigned by me. and I think it would not do for both to be signed by Sergeant by

J. P. Smith
& Others

J. P. Bartlett

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Feb 6th	Joseph Gaskill's Jr	Siemia		1000	Sent to the Dept
" "	Montgomery Britain	Queens	Siemia	100	on the 6th Feb Bank
"	George M Hyde	"	"	100	Draft No 295 for
"	J. H. Gaskill	"	"	100	Sum of $1810.00
Feb 7th	Daniel Sims			100	
"	William Parker	"	"	100	
"	J. H. Gaskill	"	"	100	
"	Amos Gaskill	"	"	100	
"	John Small	"	"	100	Sent to the Bank
"	Joseph Cooper	"	"	100	by Department No
"	John Engle	"	"	100	the 9th of Feby
"	William Walker	"	"	100	Bank Draft
"	Henry Hewlin	"	"	100	
"	George Wagner	"	"	100	Sum of $1100
"	Samuel Savage	"	"	100	
"	Joseph Hall	"	"	200	
"	David Ellis	"	"	100	
Feb 8th	Arthur Cathcart	"	"	100	
"	Joseph Smith	"	"	100	
"	George Hufs	"	"	100	
"	William Jameson	"	"	100	
Feb 11th	Thomas Peckham	"	"	100	
"	John Snooks	"	"	100	
"	John Spooner	"	"	100	
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Hamilton
Feb 7th 1814

Stuart Eden

February 9

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" 14th	William Cameron	"	"		100	329 for the sum
" "	John Laing	"	"		100	of $1400 - -
" 15	James Ross	"	"		100	
" "	Harry Symes	"	"		100	
"	Isaac Pollock	"	"		100	
"	James Flett	"	"		100	
"	Alfred Grunke	"	"		100	
Total Amount Sent During the			$	4400		month of February.

Hamilton
28th February. 9

Read: Rec'd

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Hamilton March 6th 1869

Dear Sir

Yours of the 24 ult. Duly received in reference to your communication I would advise you to see Hon. W. A. Moore. Capt. Thorsen & Dr. Wilson. I think your case come under his superdision and not under my jurisdiction but if he think different I will immediatly attend to it

Your Truly
G. Kerr. J. P.
Hamilton

W. B. Crumb
Dunville

Hamilton March. 1889

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No: for the sum of $21.00 twenty one dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount for licenses for this current year 1889

1st/ Henery M Sheppard Queenston for a license to fish one seine one hundred yards in that part of the Niagara River from the Wharf at Queenston to opposite the Black Horse Tavern Township of Niagara County of Lincoln The fee sent herewith the same as last year $10.00

2nd/ Wm Baker Hamilton a license for the privilege to spear Pike Bass & Herring in the Public waters of Burlington Bay Commencing on the 15th November 1888 and ending on the 15th of April 1889 The fee sent $1.00

3/ J Beaechton Hamilton " " " " $1.00
4/ George Bent Burlington " " " " $1.00
5/ Wm Johnson Hamilton " " " $1.00
6/ Wm Prince Depew Burlington Beach " $1.00
7 Rudolph Franks Hamilton " " " $1.00
8 Edward Franks " " " " $1.00
9 J Lane " " " " $1.00
10 Alfred King " " " " $1.00
11 John Buscomb " " " " $1.00
12 John Colling Burlington " " $1.00
Total Amt herewith sent is $21.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to Grant those Licenses
All of which is respectively Submitted

To The Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Green

Hamilton March 6th 1879

Dear Sir

In reference to your letter of the 26th Feb. last I beg to state that I do not know of any vacant grounds at present available for fishing purposes. Mrs Jane Elliot has taken out a license as usual for the same limits as heretofore I will be down shortly to Niagara and if I have an interview with you I Cant promise you any thing certain if I see those fishing grounds and those who are in the habit of seining them in former years in fact I want to get better aquainted with the locality where the fishing is conducted as all the licences were issued last year before my Father died for seine hauling so I never had the opportunity of knowing anything about them I will give you notice shortly

Hamilton March 6th 1879

Dear Sir

In reference to your application I will give it a careful consideration but before doing anything in matter I must inspect this fishing grounds in person so as to get myself better aquainted with the locality I will be down on shortly to Niagara and by and bye agone.

John Rayno
Niagara

Your truly
G Gerk
G C
Hamilton

Hamilton March 7th. 1889

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you in behalf of David Lybrook Beamsville for a license to fish one seine in Lake Ontario at the mouth of Kongla Creek During this Current year the licenses fee to be the same as Last year - - - - - - 15:00

Would you be pleased to send me some Fishery Acts and Fishery Laws for the Dominion of Canada, as there is a quite a number of fisher men asking for them any I have not got any in my possession at present

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above License.

All of which is respectfully submitted

To the Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

I remain sir Your
Obedient Servant
Fred Wern

Hamilton March 15th 1889

Dear Sir

Yours of the 11th instant
received in regard to application
for license for Fishing
Creek Mr Beamsville
I will see the matter
attended to

Yours truly
Fred. Wern

Hamilton March 11th 1897

Sir

I beg to report that Wm H. Crumb of Dunnville has wrote to me several times in reference to a license he wishes to be granted to him to fish a small seine twenty five yards long in the mouth of Cranberry Creek in the County of Haldimand the said Creek runs through his and Rathers farm and empties into the north side of the Grand River between Dunnville & Port Maitland. In answer to Mr Crumb application of Feb. 27. I referred him to Mr W.H. McCrae Overseer of Dunnville as I believed that it was under his jurisdiction Mr Crumb writes to me on the 5th instant that he saw Overseer McCrae who refused to have anything to do with his application. Mr Crumb feel very much grieved at this unfair treatment and contends that although the Creek runs through his farm he is willing to pay any license fee that the Fishery Dept see fit to impose upon him he also informs me that others nets are allowed to be fished in the Creek without license Mr Crumb wishes me to bring this application before your notice for your consideration and hopes that you will grant him the license agreed to — — — —

All of which is respectively submitted

To the Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

Jamain Sir your
obedt Servant
Fred. Kerr

Hamilton March 13th 1891

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you in behalf of William Scott Ridgeway for a license to fish three pounds nets one single spot net and one double head or two nets in a string in the waters of Lake Erie between Wind Mill Point and Point Abino Jurisdiction the Jurisdiction of Bertie the License fee for the said nets be $5.00 for each and the Amt to be collected when the nets delivered

I recommend that you be pleased to grant the above license

All of which is respectfully submitted for your Consideration & approval

I remain Sir Your obdt Servant
Fred. Elliott

To the Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

Hamilton March 13th 1891

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find application of Wm Scott Ridgeway for a license to fish three pounds nets one single spot net and one double head or two nets in a string in the waters of Lake Erie between Wind Mill Point and Point Abino Jurisdiction the Jurisdiction of Bertie the License fee for the said nets be $5.00 for each and the Amt to be collected when the nets delivered

I recommend that you be pleased to grant the above license

All of which is respectfully submitted for your Consideration & approval

I remain Sir Your obdt Servant
Fred. Elliott

To the Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find application of Wm Scott Ridgeway for a license to fish three pounds nets one single spot net and one double head or two nets in a string in the waters of Lake Erie between Wind Mill Point and Point Abino Jurisdiction the Jurisdiction of Bertie the License fee for the said nets be $5.00 for each and the Amt to be collected when the nets delivered

I recommend that you be pleased to grant the above license

All of which is respectfully submitted for your Consideration & approval

I remain Sir Your obdt Servant
Fred. Elliott

To the Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

Private

Hamilton March 14. 1879

Dear Sir

Yours of the 12th instant duly received. I beg to say that I cannot see my way clear to recommend your application for the fishing station you refer to at present until I fully understand what I am doing. I know last year it caused some acrimonious in the Dept in reference to the same matter. If the Dept see fit to instruct me to proceed there to make a inspection of the Station in dispute and to report on the same and to make a proper explanation in that case I would be only too willing to favour you to the best of my ability. I would advise you if you think that there will be trouble in regard to your application if it looks in any way doubtful to write Mr Moncrieff to see the Deputy Minister and have me sent to proceed there as soon as possible. And I candidly believe that I would be able to settle the matter for all time to come

Yours Sincerely
F. Kerr
C. C. Hamilton

To John Welch
Hillsboro P O
Ont

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Hamilton March 15th 1869.

Dear Sir

Your Communication of the 14 instant received I beg to state for your information that I believe that the Stream you make reference to lies within the limits of David Hopkins overseer living at Port Dover Norfolk Division therefore I consider that it is under his jurisdiction. According to the wording of the Fisheries Act you make application to the Minister of Fisheries through a Fishery Officer stating the necessity of erecting of Certain Fishways that may require and then if permission is so granted and certain owners refuse to Comply with and pending proceedings against the owners or occupants for the penalty of the Act. may give direction to Mr. and and Complete the same forthwith and may Authorise any person to enter upon the premises with the necessary workmen. means. & material. and may recover from the Owner or occupier the whole expense incurred by action before any Competent Tribunal. See Chap. 95 Section 13. Vict. 49. Fisheries Act The said Covering Section Covering all the information you may require in every detail. I would advise you to Interview Mr. A. Sharp and look over the Fisheries Act

I remain Yours
Truly. Fred. Hore
J. P. Hamilton

David Macgillivray Esq
Delhi P. O
Ont

Hamilton March 20th 1889

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. 414 for the sum of $253.00 two hundred & fifty three dollars —

Would you be pleased to apply this amt as follows for licenses for this current year 1889 — — — —

1st Sylvanus Young & son Port Burwell County of Elgin for a license to fish five pound nets in that portion of the waters of Lake Erie East of Port Burwell pier and west of Cudney & Jackson Boundary or in front or opposite Lot No 26 Township of Malahide County of Elgin the license fee sent herewith the Amt. & No of nets the same as last year — $250.00

2nd John Dynes Burlington Beach for a license to spear Pike Bass & Herring in the Waters of Burlington Bay Commencing on the 15 of Nov 1888 and ending on the 15 of April 1889 the fee herewith sent $1.00

3rd George E Douglas Barton do do do 1.00

4th George Coleman Hamilton " " " 1.00

Total Amt sent herewith — $253.00

Would you be pleased to inform me whether you received my letter of the 6 ultimo Containing a Draft No 375 for the sum $21.00 & if so what Amts being for Mr Shepherd Queenston the Balance being for Spearers on Burlington Bay which Licenses they wish to receive as soon as possible

All of which is respectively submitted for your Consideration & approval

I remain Sir your Obedt Servant

Fred Gee

To The Deputy Minister Fishery Dept Ottawa

Hamilton March 24 1869

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 20th instant duly received I beg to inform you. That I have more applications in now for fishing stations than I have room for it is my intention shortly to run these grounds out and if there any vacant lot I will give you a chance if possible Dont promese you anything at present.

Yours Truly
Jo. G Goss
G. O.

John Hughes
Burlington Beach

Hamilton March 20th 1869

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 19th instant duly received Containing a Check on the Molson Bank for the sum of $25.00 for five pounds nett which I money I have forwarded to the Dept to day

Yours Truly
Jo S. Young Sr. Gaol. Hamilton
Port Rowan G. O.

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Messrs Loiselle & Park Tyrconnell

1899

Hamilton March 25th

Dear Sirs

In answer to your letter of the 20th instant I beg to state that I have heard nothing further in reference to your application since I wrote you last. I expect that all the applications that was sent in for Elgin County are under consideration still. I assure you that I cannot advise you in the matter unless you might write direct to the Deputy Minister of Fisheries & Fulton Allison he might give you the information you require in doing so this may urge the Dept to take action in your case at once

Yours truly
F. Kerr
F. O.

Hamilton March 27th 1899

Dear Sir

Yours of the 10th instant at hand. In reference to your application I have no objection of your fishing do not enter you with any licensed fishermen but in clear of the waters of Lake Erie please forward the dollar and I will send to the Dept for your license

Yours Truly
F. Kerr
F O

G. St Paul
Niagara

Hamilton Bermuda 23 1869

Sir.

In reference to Jno Alexander Blakely and
I am in obedience to your order of the 18th instant
to beg to state that I have carefully and thoroughly
searched the Letter Books for each of the years
1865, and cannot find anything had relates
to Jno Blakely receiving instructions or directions
from the late Consul for the said Province nam-
ed and no reports or letters from Jno Blakely
touching to the same during said period save a copy
of an Indictment taken & dispatch from Jno Heyliger
dated from the 6th of May 1864. to 31st December
1865 made and by my late father and sent to the
Dept on the 31 Dec 1865: you will please observe
that the two years abstracts of this copy do not
correspond Dates with the Dates & things
expressed in the same years in the said Book

All of which is respectively submitted

To the Deputy Minister
Aubrey Department
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obed. Servt
Geo. Otero

Hamilton March 25th 1889

Sir

I beg to report for your information that a number of farmers living on the south shore of Burlington Bay wishes me to grant them the privilege of catching a few Pike for their own family use by setting a short gill net in front of their residences I informed them that I had no power to do so having no instructions from the Hon.ble Minister of Fisheries to that effect but if so ordered by the Dept. their request would be granted and not till then. I may state that spearing of Pike & Bass during the past winter has very [illegible] indeed a large number of the fishermen hardly catching the dollar worth the poor fishing was caused by so many freshets occurring so often during the winter not letting the water clear up so as to enable them to see the fish

All of which respectively submitted for your consideration and attention.

To the Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred.k Herrn

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Hamilton March 25th 1889

Dear Sir

Yours of the 22 instant duly received I beg to state that your application was forwarded to the Liquor Department some time ago along with the rest of the applications for the Minister Consideration & approval when the Lenumber of Licenses are granted. And if sent to me to deliver all I will notify you to that effect at once

Yours Truly
G Herr
Z. C. Hamilton

A. C. Bascom
Port Stanley
County Elgin

Hamilton March 25th 1889

Dear Sir

yours of the 22nd duly received I would advise you to write or see Mr. McMichael at once as I cannot do anything in the matter I can assure as I was notified that he was the proper man to see after your applications

Yours Truly
Geo. Herr
Z. C. Hamilton

Messrs Swisher & Bilkie
& Greenwell
County Elgin

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1889
Hamilton March 25th

Dear Sir

You will be pleased to find enclosed the sum of $6.25 cts Account due you by my Late father for Fisheries at Pekinnon Please send receipt in name of Mrs J.W Kerr Administratrix of the estate I am sorry at I all the delay I thought the money was paid over to you a long ago

Yours Truly
J. Kerr
P.O. Hamilton

J. H. Deeks Esq
Newcastle
ont

1889
Hamilton March 27

Dear Sir

Yours of the 26th inst Came to hand Duly received. I beg to state that I was directed from the Treasury Department that I was appointed to look after the collecting of the license fees and delivering of the Licenses for the current year Therefore you are supposed to give over the money to him, I can only say that I recommended that you were to receive the grounds that the cattle are about. Disputed points decision upon application to the Commissioner of Fisheries up in your locality I Learn that Overseer Mitchell had previous them a ground some time before that unless I received Special

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Yo M. Carpenter Esqr:
Dr Sir Ottawa

Hamilton Jan

Dear Friend Carpenter

Having heard nothing lately from you I thought I might write a few lines and try and find out whether anything further has been done in reference to the appointment. Do you think it would be advisable to take up that matter so often talked about, the Beach &c. &c. and try and straighten up the grounds before fishing commences if you think it advisable well to do so let me know and I will write out a report with a map and let you know about the [illegible] that I forward it to the Dept. for your satisfaction for a man has to be trying to work under a Board.

Jamais

Yo. Sincere

Hamilton Inn 12th 1779

Sir

I beg to inform you that

Hamilton March 20th 1889

Sir

I have the honor to report that I have on hand the sum of two hundred and fifty five dollars sent me by Fishermen living in the County of Elgin $225.00 of the Amount I received from Thos Thompson Port Bruce his License fee for five Bound nets and the Balance $5.00 is from Chas Higgblon Port Burwell for a gill net License. Am I to send this money to the Fishery Dept or return it to the parties where it came from for Ins. Me I am desired by Mr Wilson of not to accept money in Ord. I may say when I was getting up applications in the County of Elgin in the month of January last I informed the Powers net fishermen when asked the question to whom would they send there moneys that they would be notified to that effect when the Hon.l Minister had decided on the number of nets to be granted. So I am not to be blamed in the matter of there sending the money through me I did not authorised them to do so

shall to collect the Fishery Acct Branch Montreal division the schedule of

All of which is respectively submitted

I remain Sir your Obed.t Servant Fred.k Kerr

The Deputy Minister Fishery Department Ottawa

Hamilton March 30th 1889

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. 4 for the sum of $11.00 Eleven dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this Amt as follows for licenses for this current year 1889
1st B. Woollard. Port Credit for licenses one seine and one Boat license already received & delivered The Amt $5.00 for each license herewith and $. 10.00
2nd John St. Paul Niagara for a license to fish 200 yards of Herring Gill net in that portion of the Public waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Township of Niagara County Lincoln for his own use and not to sell or Barter The fee herewith $ 1.00
Total Amt Sent $ 11.00

All of which is respectfully submitted

Jremain for your
Obediant Servant
Fred'k Gross

The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

The 31 of March 9

March 9

Fred.k Hero

Hamilton

The 1st January The 31 of March 9

January	3	Attending Court at Hamilton in the Fishing Case between Bale Cook & Colling Fishermen from Burlington	1 H.B	8	1 50
"	9	At Dumdas Bay to see Mr Burse and to Toronto thence home	1 R.W	80	4 00
"	14	Burlington Beach looking after the Fisheries found alright	1 H.B	15	2 00
"	17	Out on Burlington Bay Collecting Shearing License fees	1 H.B	16	2 25
"	22	At Bronte to see Joyce & Pertell Fishermen about their Arrears of license fees	1 R.W	34	2 00
"	23	Off to Port Burwell via Dixon Bay by instruction from Jam[illegible]	1 H.B	10	3 80
"	24	Off from Port Burwell to Port Stanley	1 H.B	23	4 50
"	25	Off from Port Stanley thence to Wyckonnell thence to Eagle Sta- tations thence on to Dunnville	1 H.B	34	5 00
"	26	Off from Dunnville by St Thomas via London home	1 R.W	123	4 00
"	28	At Burlington Heights Collecting Shearing licenses fees	1 H.B	14	2 00
"	29	Off to Niagara via St Catherines on fishery Business	1 R.W.H	80	5 00
February	1	Out on the ice Burlington Bay looking after Spears	1 H.C	15	1 45
"	2	Down at the Burlington Heights Collecting Shearing License fees	1 H.C	12	1 45
"	7	Down at Burlington Beach & down on the ice looking after Spears Licens	1 H.C	12	1 45
"	8	Down at Burlington Heights & Collecting and seeing after Spears	1 H.C	12	1 45
"	9	In Hamilton to meet William Hera[illegible] Licenses from Burlington the Next Stations [illegible] Fishing Business	1 H.C	8	1 50
"	11	Out on Burlington Bay ice looking after Spears near Burlington Heights	1 H.C	12	1 45
"	12	Out on Burlington Heights Collecting License Home	1 H.C	15	1 45
"	15	Down on Burlington Bay ice near the Heights looking after Spears	1 H.C	12	1 45
			14	£6 4 8	4 5 0

Fred.k Herr
Hamilton
The 1st January The 31st March 9

				19	604	4980
Feby	21	Out on Bay delivering licenses	1	Ac. 14	1 45	
March	1	out on Bay near Burlington Heights seeking after Spearers	1	Ac 12	1 50	2.00 60
"	4	out on Burlington Bay delivering & collecting licenses & fees	1	Ac 16	1 50	4 00
"	5	Off to Burlington to meet Wm Sergent Director from Bronte to arrange & allot fishing Stations near Burlington	1	BWB 24	2 40	
"	18	At Gages Burlington Beach found all right	1	HB 15	2 00	
	28	At Gages fessing up the Boat for grappling nets	1	HB 12	1 50	
	25	Out on Bay Grappling & Hunting for nets	1	HB 15	2 00	
	24	Out on Burlington Bay Grappling And Hunting for nets	1	HB 20	2 00	
	30	Down at Batten Boat House Hamilton fessing & repairing the large Boat for to use grappling for nets	1	HB 12	1 50	
		Total Amount --		28	747	6555

Hamilton April 1st 1889

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith for your consideration and approval my account and expenditure incurred by me during my active duties in the Hamilton & Elgin division ending 31st of March 1889 Amounting - $ 65.5.5

Add Voucher No 1 Fred. Kerr Postage 2.00

" " No 2 Fred. Kerr Telegraph 60

" " No 3 John Wilkins Boatmen &c 4.00

Total $ 72.1.5

I beg to report that I travelled 444 miles during the quarter ending 31st March 1889 which I found necessary to do so I found very much trouble in collecting the license fees from Spearers on Burlington Bay as the Spearing was very poor and the Fishermen were poor but I manage to get all the money in but a few dollars hoping that this record of duties will give satisfaction

To The Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Kerr

1889

Hamilton April 3rd

Dear Sir

Your Letter of The 25th ulto
Containing the sum of $5.00 duly
received in behalf of Charles Hagga
bloon which money I beg to return
to you with the request that you
inform Mr Haggabloon to make
application to Doreus McMichael
for his License as he is in Charge of
this business at present

Yours truly
Jno Gen Jackman
Post Master
Gred: Gleve
D. M.

Mr. Chester Wadsworth
Jeweston

1884
Hamilton April 2nd

Dear Sir

Yours of the 31st ult duly received. I am sure I have no objection to waite for the money but I think if could manage it would be better to send it down as soon as possible and then you would be able to receive your license and be independant of all sorts sides like is always ready to take advantage of old Fishermen rights so I always shoud since I have been in this Business but I make it a rule to stand by the old Fishermen stick well & bee Mates shipfriend & Jab it I have forwarded their money some [illegible] and received there Lib[illegible] that you will Consider them [illegible]

Yours truly Small Bros & Co

1869
Hamilton April 3rd

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 2.1st ultimo
Containing a check for the sum of
$25-0.00 duly received
Which money I forwarded to the Fishery
Department in your behalf. I am to
inform you that Overseer McMichael
will deliver your license. Please
inform Messrs Robinson & Moyers
Seine Net Fishermen to apply to Mr
McMichael for their Licenses
hoping that you are in good health.

Mr Jas Thompson
Port Bruce

I remain yours
Sincerely
H. Kerr
H. O.
Hamilton

1869
Hamilton April 1st

Dear Sir

Having just received
your license from the Fishery Dept
that you made application for I
would kindly asked you to for
ward me the fees 25.00 as soon as
possible and I will countersign
the License and send it to you
on receipt of the money

Yours Truly
Fred. Kerr
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton

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Hamilton Oswald Esqr

1864

Dear Sir

Your Letter of the 21st ultimo
Containing a Check for the Sum of
£25-0-0 duly received

I shall always be pleased to receive
Subscriptions in your behalf & have to
inform you that Mrs Bowen Thomas
will readily receive Donations
& Subscriptions for the Funds
of the Cheltenham Ladies Educational
Institution

Believe me
Yours faithfully
Henry Ayres
Hon Sec.

Hamilton Oswald Esqr
Park House
Cheltenham

1864

Dear Sir

Having just received
your favour from the Hon Sec
I had upon most cheerfully to
remember friendly notice upon the
receipt thereof the Sum of £25-0-0 as
a Donation from Mrs Bowen
Thomas. Mrs Bowen Thomas
is a Lady Governor
of the Institution

Hamilton April 3rd 1849.

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No 461 for the sum of $252.50 two hundred fifty Dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this Amt to Ina Thos Thompson Port Bruce for a license to fish five Pound Net in the locality of Lake Erie West of Port Bruce Harbour fronting on Townships of Malahide & Yarmouth in the County of Elgin the License fee being $25.00 In reference to the $5.00 received from Charles Haggaboon I have sent it back to him according to your instructions

All of which is respectfully submitted

To The Deputy Minister. I remain Sir your
Fishery Department Obedient Servant
Ottawa Fred. Gisborne

Hamilton April 12th 1883.

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No 489 for the sum of $40.00 Forty Dollars — — I would you be pleased to apply this amount for licenses for this current year 1883 — — —

1st/1 Ball. Bro. Niagara for a Boat License to fish 5000 yards of White fish Salmon trout & seisco Herring Gill net in that portion of the Public waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Lincoln between the Town of Niagara and Port Dalhousie the stipulated fee sent herewith $5.00

2nd/1 Messrs Parsons & McMillen Niagara for a Boat License to fish 4000 yds of Cisco herring Gill net in the waters of Lake Ontario " do " do " do " $5.00

3rd/1 Messrs Currie & Taylor Niagara for a Boat License to fish 4000 yards of Herring Gill net. do do do $5.00

4th/1 Chester Wadsworth Queenston for a license to fish two Machines in the Public waters of the river Niagara on lots known as No's 3 & 17 fronting on the Township of Niagara the same allowed per the fa. $20.00

5th/1 George Elliot Jordan for a Boat license to fish 4000 yards of cisco Herring Gill net in that portion of the Public waters of Lake Ontario front ing on the Township of South County of Lincoln the fee sent herewith $5.00

Total Amt sent herewith $40.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above licenses for this current year

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration & approval

I remain Sir your Obed't Serv't

Jas. D. Kerr

To The Deputy Minister of Fisheries Ottawa

Hamilton April 12th 1849

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for a license in behalf of Robert Allen Niagara to fish one seine 250 yards long from while fishing in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Township of Niagara on lots known as No 2 & 3 The fee for the privilege to be $15:00 to be paid when license delivered

I would recommend that your Honor be pleased to grant Robt Allen those fishing lots he has always paid his license fee regularly for viz No 2 & 3 the fishing be good or bad and as from the lots not being occupied by anyone for the last year no application being made for the same I therefore have speculation in recommending that Robt Allen application be accepted for the above fee $15:00

Would you kindly look over my disbursement account that I forwarded to the Dept the 14th ultimo as I need the money before commencing spring work

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration & approval

I remain Sir your Obedt Servt
Fred. Freer

To Major J. Gilton Esq
Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

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Hamilton April 12th 1884

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 11th instant received in answer to your enquiries I beg to inform you that the stipulated fee for a Seine License is $5.00 payable in advance. Please state whether you wish to fish in the waters of Lake Erie and what Township does the said Beach front on Please give me a full explanation as I will require all such information before sending your application to the Fishery Dept for their approval of the privilege of granting the License

Yours Truly
H. Yeo
F. I.

Wm Jas Beckett Esq
Dunnville

Hamilton April 16 1884

Dear Sir

Yours of the 15th duly received in reference to the licence fees. It is one dollar for to fish for own use and in no way to sell or Barter otherwise the stipulated fee for a Boat License to fish as much as 4000 yds is five dollars and needful to be paid in advance so if you intend to fish for market please send me $5.00 and I will get your License but in the meantime you can go on and fish until I as it must be some time before your license arrives

Yours Truly
H. Yeo
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton

Wm J. James H. Gordon Esq
St Catharines
Ontario

Hamilton April 1st 1884

Dear Sir

Yours of the 15th ult. duly received I know of no licensed seines in your neighbourhood but your own if they are fishing on your limits which your license call for with out your permission you can have them fined for Trespassing on your licensed grounds I sent down your license to you directed to you at Beamsville a few days ago so you can act accordingly

The Laws are very

Yours Truly
G. Gibson
A. F.

Geo Davis Esq
Beamsville

Hamilton March 13th 1884

Dear Sir I have just received your favour of the 11th inst. and in reply to it I beg to say that I have no knowledge of any person fishing in front of my premises at Burlington Beach during the present season. I am aware that there are a number of seines fishing in front of the Beach but I am not aware that they are fishing within the limits of my license. I am Sir Your obedient Servant

Wm Jackson
Fish Culturist

Hamilton March 15th
1884

Dear Sir

I have duly received your
favour of the 13th inst and
beg that you will kindly
forward me the deeds
mentioned in the Schedule
as early as possible.

Yours faithfully
Thomas Hall

Messrs. Myers

Hamilton April 15th 1869

Dir

I have the honor to report for your information that on Friday night last the 12th inst in Company with Boatman John Wilkins I Seized and Confiscated about 600 yards of Gill net which I found set and fishing in the waters of Burlington Bay near Burlington Beach contrary to the Fishery Act. There was 6 pickerel and some Bass in the nets when the Seizure was made. The nets I believe belong to residents fishermen on the Beach

All of which is respectfully submitted

To the Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obedt Servt
Fred. Terry

Hamilton April 15th 1899

Sir

I have the honor to draw your attention to a matter of some importance in connection with the Fisheries at Burlington Beach, — For some time past there has been a great deal of dissatisfaction displayed by many of the Fishermen old residents living on the Beach with regard to the licensing or leasing of the Fishing stations — They do claim and complain that those stations some twenty in number are inaccurately laid out and some of the Fishermen hold license last year for from two to three of the stations leaving them no room or place or a chance to fish a gill net on shore the also contend that if those stations were properly surveyed out and equally divided in size and the same width. There would be plenty of room for all which opinion I fully endorse. And as those fishing lots are now generally and mostly used for catching Blue back or shore herring & perch during the first of the year with gill nets and as there is very little hauling done for a number years past on the said Beach. I would therefore recommend that you be pleased to grant me permission to have those — fishing grounds surveyed or measured out in equal sized fishing lots. I may say that I have in my possession an old map drawn by Messrs Bransby and Biggar P. L. S. which shows the number of fishing stations commencing on the east side of the Beach on station No 4 and running up to the Burlington Canal this map was made in the year 1870. And I observe in looking over it that the fishing stations marked out on the map varies very much in size or width some of them as low as 55-0 feet

And on up to about 1600 feet in width and I think if you decide to send me the instructions to proceed with the survey I would be able to make room for two or three lots more without injuring or interfering with any other Fishermen and give all an equal chance Mr G. M. Carpenter, Member for South Grenville has spoken to me several times about the complaint of the fishermen in reference to this matter and if you would kindly see him and have a consultation on the subject he would I can assure you be able to explain matters more clearly than I can with the pen. And if you finally decide to lease the grounds properly laid out I would suggest that the sum of $5.00 per license be charged for each and every fishing lot whether they be used for drive hauling or for herring gill net exclusive of those cases Herring licenses as they are used to pay that amt for the privilege of those fishing with gill nets on these lots

All of which is respectively submitted for your Consideration and attention

I am sir your
obedient Servant
Fred. Dixon

To The Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

Hamilton April 13th 1889

Sir

I have the honor to report for your information that on monday night of the 8th instant in company with Boatman John Wilkins I seized and confiscated one Trap Net or Pound net with leader wings attached to it about 500 yards long set in a cove in the waters of Burlington Bay opposite Mart's old wharf Burlington Beach with some fresh caught fish in the net Same. I also the one night previous for and found about 600 yards of Gill net fishing contrary to the fish Act the nets were set opposite the Beach an contained Pike & Bass from private information received the Trap net belongs to a man named Albert Webster resident of Burlington Bay with my long experience in hunting nets on Burlington Bay as the first time I ever found a net of any description which I believe are very destructive to the fish of all kinds

All of which is respectively submitted

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

Your most obedt. Servt
Fred. Kerr
H.D.

Hamilton April 14th 1889.

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. for the sum of $160.00 - one hundred and Sixty dollars — — —

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount as follows for Licenses for this Current year 1889

1st/ William Scott Ridgeway for a Licence to fish with one single and one double Pound net in the water of Lake Erie license already received. The Amount of fee sent herewith $75.00

2nd/ David Lybarger Beamsville for a seine to fish in Lake Ontario license already received & delivered The fee sent herewith - $10

3rd/ John McCartney Dunnville for a licence to fish with one seine in the Public waters of Lake Erie fronting on the Township of Moulton at Boulton Ditch The fee sent herewith $50

Total Amount sent $160.

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant Mr McCartney his licence as he has bought out Richard Pew right at that place

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration & approval

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

I remain Sir Your
Obdt Servant
Fred. Wm
Ry P.

Hamilton April 22 1829

Dear Sir

I received your telegraph to late to be any assistance to you as I was away at the time and did not receive the telegram until the day after the time you had fixed. I am very sorry indeed if I disappointed you if you ever have occasion to come this way again please drop me a note a few days a head and I will be on hand, and render you all the assistance I can require

Jamaica farm
Sincerely yr Obt Servt
Henry Overseer

Wm Parker Esq
Sandwich

3601

Mr. Wm Parker Esq Sandwich

Hamilton March 18th 1829

Dear Sir

I received your telegraph at the following hour of the day, and immediately made all the necessary arrangements for starting for your place, but after leaving the village I found that I required a few articles which I could not procure in the village, and which I was obliged to send for, and which detained me about two hours, and I did not reach the village of Amherstburgh until after the mail had left, consequently I could not forward my letter to you by that conveyance, but I shall start for your place early tomorrow morning and shall be with you by the middle of the day, and will bring with me the articles you require

Yours truly
Henry Overseer

Hamilton April 22nd 1889

Sir

I have the honor to report for your information that on saturday night last the 20th instant in company with Boatmen John Willis I Seized and Confiscated about 300 yards of Pike Gill net. that I found set and fishing illegally in the waters of Burlington Bay the nets were set in deep water opposite Stages at South Shore and also Contained fish. I never seen the Fishermen so persistent in Breaking the Laws as they are or have been this spring but I think that I have succeeded in stopping them at last. on the simple reason that I have Captured nearly all there Pike gill nets

All of which is submitted with due respect

To the Deputy Minister
of Fisheries
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Gerr
F O

Hamilton April 25th 1889

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No 3[illegible] for the sum of $44.00 — Forty four dollars —

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount as follows for licenses for this current year 1889 —

No 1 Nicolas Everett Port Erie International Boat for a seine hauling license to fish in the Niagara River &c for this current year to be the same as last year the Amt herewith sent $15:00

No 2 Isac Michner Fort Erie for a license to fish one seine in that portion of Lake Erie near Bolton Dock fronting the Township of Moulton the stipulated fee sent herewith $5:00

No 3 Chas Buell Port Erie for a Boat license to fish 2000 yds of Sturgeon Mackerel & Herring Gill Net in that portion of the waters of Lake Erie fronting the Township of Bertie the fee sent $5:00

No 4 Chas Garrick Port Erie do do do $5:00

No 5 John Kay Port Erie 5:00

No 6 Messrs Hirt & Michner Point Abino for a Boat license to fish 3000 yds of Herring Gill net in that portion of the waters of Lake Erie fronting the Township of Bertie near Point Abino the fee sent herewith $5:00

No 7 Chas Springer Port Colborne for a license to fish 200 yds Herring Gill net for ownership and not for habitation Bartie in the waters of Lake Erie fronting residence the fee sent herewith $2.00

No 8 Abram Berres Port Colborne for a license to fish one seine 260 yds long do do do $1.00

No 9 John Tilton Port Dalhousie for a license

To fish a small Dip net at the mouth of
Welland Canal Lake Ontario for his own
use the fee sent herewith $1.00
10/1 John Welch Port Dalhousie do do $1.00
Total Amt sent $44.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to
grant the above Licenses — — — —

All of which is submitted with due respect

To The Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obedt Servt
Fred Gisborne
Jno D Manuel

Hamilton April 27. 1869

Sir

I have the honor to report that on immediately on the receipt of your instructions of the 22 ultimo I proceeded at once to Caledonia in reference to the illegal fishing of Bass said to be carried on in the Grand River in that vicinity. I beg to state that on going down the river about 5 miles from Caledonia I found a Dip net at work at the Dam at York owned by a man named Robert Rumsby and a mile further down at a place called Mount Healy another Dip net worked by Robert Rumsbys son both were catching suckers & mullets I made a strict search for Bass & Pickerel but failed to find any I enquired from these parties there right of fishing & using a Dip net when they informed me that were provided to do so by Mr McRae overseer at Dunnville but as they could not show me writing to that effect only a verbal one I immediately ordered them to remove the nets and the apparatus attachments at once which they instantly done I made strict inquiry in the Town of Caledonia as to any one noticing any Bass illegally caught or sold in that vicinity but failed to get strong enough information for a conviction I was credibly informed by several persons that Bass was seen sold & brought in from Dunnville where they are half a dozen dip nets in full blast said to be licensed by Mr McRae I also received a private letter to day from Colin G. Snider Barrister &c &c Cayuga who informs me that they are fairly robbing the rivers of Pickerel & Bass & small fish in the rapids and dams from that place to the Low Banks by means of Dip nets & Lines and Spears and are at work

by day and by night I intend proceed to Cayuga on Monday to meet Mr Snider who I have made some arrangements with in order to stop the illegal fishing I would like you to please give me explicit instructions in regard to whether they are any licenses granted for nets for suckers & mullets in the River or for any kind of fish as soon as possible as they claim that I have given permission to fish with nets given by Mr McCrea

All of which is respectfully submitted

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

I remain Sir Your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Gunn

1889
April 30

Dear Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 25th inst. enclosing Licence for the Gun Island Calls for the current year. I am glad to learn that you have agreed with Mr Snider of Cayuga to stop illegal fishing at the mouth of the Grand River. I have forbidden anyone to fish for suckers in the Grand River with nets, and I am now writing to the Attorney General for the Province to have the matter attended to. I am also writing to Mr Snider requesting him to stop fishing at once. I trust you will be able to stop illegal fishing in front of your Island.

Yours truly
W. Wilson Smith
Deputy Minister
Fisheries Department

Fred. Gunn Esq.
Caledonia

April 7

April 8. Thos. Thompson Road mistake $50 00 sent by Bank
Draft 461 on
April the 3rd

" 12 Ball Brothers Boat hire 5 00
" " Messrs Smith & Hamilton " 5 00 sent by Bank
" " " Currie & Taylor " 5 00 draft No 469
" " Chester Wadsworth Machinist 20 00 for the sum of
" " Geo. Ellis Boat hire 5 00 $40.00 on No 472

sent by Bank
" 17th William Scott Boat hire $5 00 draft No 5 06
" " David Lynch " " 5 00 for the sum of
" " John McCartney Diver " 5 00 $60, on April 14.
"

" 25 Nicholas Everett Fine " 15 00
" Isaac Michener " " 5 00 sent by Bank
" Chas Hall Boat " 5 00 Draft No 5 32
" Chas Corrick " " 5 00 to the Dept on
" John Kay " " 5 00 the 24 of April
" Shirk & Nicholson " " 5 00 for the sum
" Chas Stranger License 1 00 of $40 00
" Abram Barns " 1 00
" John Telford " 1 00
" John Veleh " 1 00

Total Amt sent In the $140 00 Month of April

Hamilton April 9

Fred: Glenn

Hamilton April 30th 1889

Sir

I have the honor to report that on yesterday Monday the 29 instant that from information received I proceeded to Cayuga on the Grand River and in Company with Constable Charles Evans rowed down the river about Ten miles and at the mouth of what is known as Fairchild Creek a tributary Stream of the Grand River I found Jacob Miller of Townsend of Jerseyville fishing with a Fish Net which I immediately seized and confiscated with a number of Pickerel and Bass which they had in their possession and which was caught in said Net Contrary to the Fishery Act. And going again to Cayuga I also seized one Trap Net which I found set and fishing in the river opposite the Town. From information received this Trap Net is owned by a party named David Ba a resident living there I left the Confiscated property temporally in Constable Evans possession And after having a consultation with Mr C Snider Barrister I have decided to prosecute the above named parties before Mr Archibald Davis J.P. of York as Mr Snider and myself Came to the Conclusion, and Consider by those steps that it was the only way to stop the illegal fishing that has been Carried on so extensively in that district of late So I do not think that there will be any more law Breaking after this is done as they are pretty thoroughly frightened along the river as it is Through a Conversation with Mr McCrae over at Dunville by Telephone I learn from him th

that he gave permission to Robert Rumsey
& son to fish for Sweeps & Mullet at Newport
Neale and in the meantime he made application
to the Fishery Dept in Rumsey behalf for the
said Privilege as these are the parties that I
found fishing dip nets on Friday last who
I ordered to remove the nets which was instantly
removed, they now ask me to ascertain from
Dept whether there application will be granted
sent in by Mr Macrae, as far as I know about
Rumsey & he seem very desirable to obey the law
in all respects giving me all the assistance that
lies in his power to aid me in my duties

All of which is respectively submitted

I remain Sir Your
Obedient Servant
Jas. H. Ware
H O

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

1894
Hamilton Ont May 14th

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your
letter of the 12th inst in relation to
the Privilege of the Fishermen
at Newport Bullocks Shoal
in the Niagara River Grand Island Co
Erie Co N.Y. I am not
aware of such Privilege
ever Existing

Yours Truly
Jas Wilson
Supt Fisheries
Hamilton

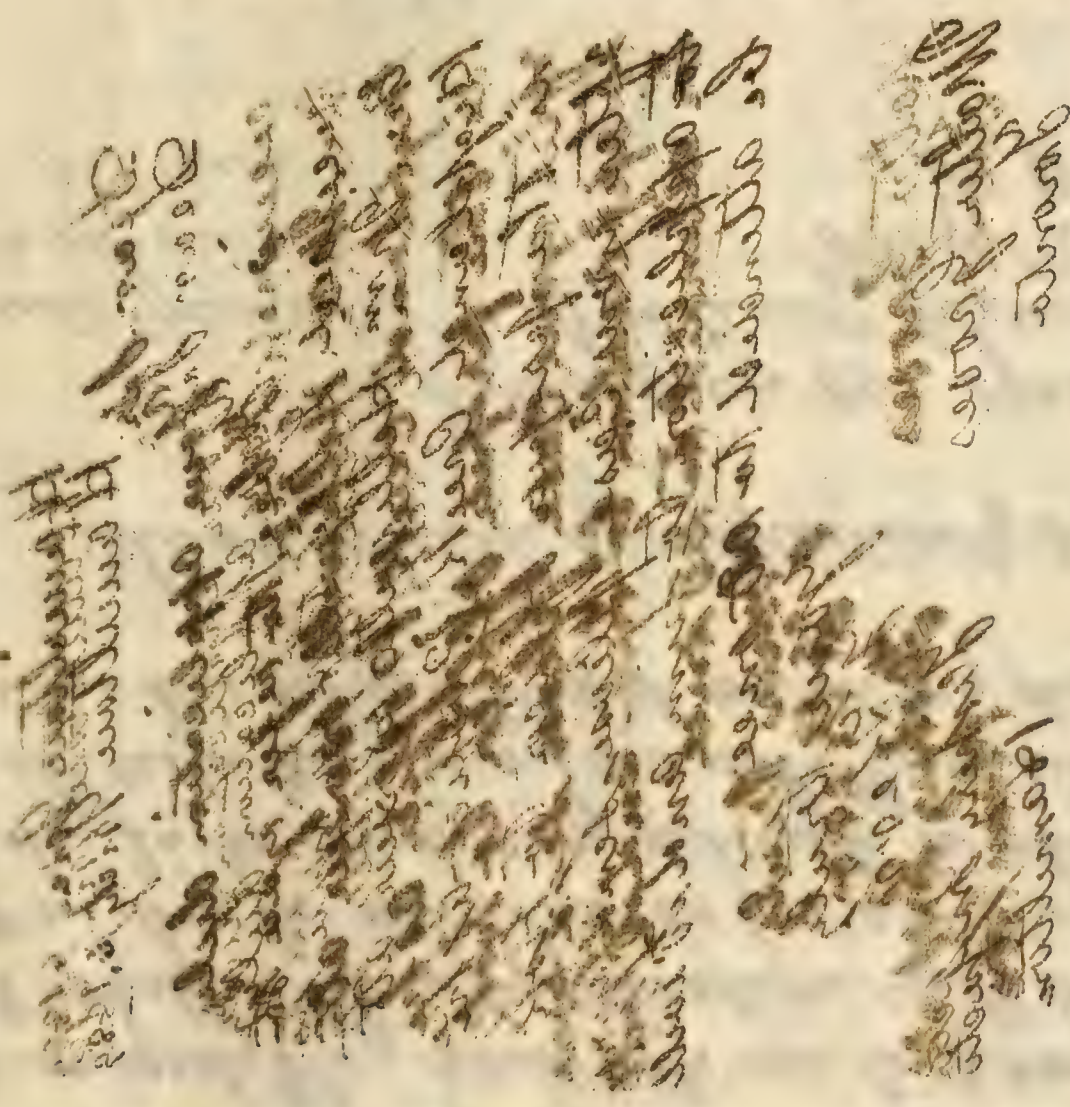
Hamilton May 1st 1882

Passage Money Papers

Grant from the Colony Government dated 1st

the year the first day of May 1882.

Signed Grant Hier



Hamilton May 2. 1884

Sir

In forwarding you my oath of office I cannot let it pass without heartily and sincerely thanking you for the kindness you have shown me in assisting me in securing me the position. Although I admit that the salary is comparatively small still I am not complaining as to that, but as I perform a great deal of extras duties for the past year outside of the district mentioned. I would kindly ask you to take notice of those extra services and be pleased to consider this matter of granting me a little extra remuneration for past extra services rendered

All of which is submitted with due respect for your consideration

I remain Sir Your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Kerr
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton

To. Col. J. Tilton. Esq
Deputy Minister
Fisheries Department
Ottawa

Hamilton May 2: 1884

Sir

In reference to your letter of the 26th of April last. Where the enquiry was made as to what was done with my recent seizures of Pike Gill nets found illegally fishing in the waters of Burlington Bay — I beg to say that I had them properly dried carefully stored away awaiting the pleasure and commands of the Dept as to what is to be done with them. There I have about 2,000 yards of gill nets by a rough Calculation some are nearly new and others are no value only the leads & corks, about 500 yds of the above Amt. were confiscated by my late Master The 22nd Inst not I beyond is nearly new. As to the property that I have in my possession belonging to the Dept is composed as follows two Boats, one Revolver one Letter Press, one Office Desk, one Valise And one Field Glass

All of which is respectively submitted

To: The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

I am Sir Your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Kerr
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton

Hamilton May 1st

Dear Sir

Yours of the 19th instant duly received with reference to the Sturgeon gill nett it is always included that the other gill nets I will report to the Fishery Dept about the American Jay boats fishing the you allude to please send me all the information you can about them how far from the Shore are they fishing. your license for this year will be $5:00 for to fish about 4000 yds you can send the money to me at once and I will get you the license as soon as possible

Yours very truly
Jo H Sr.
Fisher Ins.
Hamilton

Hamilton Aug 4th 1879

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 29th ult. and answer as follows. I have spoken to Mr Beach about the matter and he says that he has spoken to the Captain of the Steamer Berlin on the subject and he says that he will not run over the nets in question. I have also spoken to the Captain of the Steamer Bell for the same purpose and he says that he will not run over the nets in question. I have also written to the Captain of the Steamer Bell for the same purpose and he says that he will not run over the nets in question. I have also written to the Captain of the Steamer Bell for the same purpose and he says that he will not run over the nets in question.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration & approval

Yours,
Officer
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

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Hamilton May 4th 1889

Sir

I have the honor to report for your information that on the 3rd instant I had laid Informations of Fisheries Charges before Mr Adam Lewis J.P. at Cayuga for fishing with a Dip Net and having Pickerel & Bass in their possession they being caught in close season. As the pleaded Guilty to the charge and being Ignorant of the Laws the Magistrate took a lenient view of the case and imposed the fine of $1.00 and Costs with the Confiscation of net and fish I also may state on the same day I proceeded down the river about 6 miles and found and seized one Dip net at what is known Rochenbach Creek a tributary to the Grand River the owners disappearing before I was able to reconise them I also observed at the mouth of Meadow Creek the Poles &c &c for Dip nets vacated by the operators, I can safely say now that I believe that I have completely put a stop to the illegal fishing that had been carried on so extensively the people begins to understand now what the intents and purposes of my Fishery Laws are as they properly carried out it seems to me that Persons neglected his duty in not notifying the Public of the several Close Seasons as the River in Question in my opinion should be properly protected as it is a splendid River for the Procreation of Fish but to make a success it would require several Fishways at the Dams namely Mouth of Healy, York & Caledonia. As the Fishways that exist there at present are almost useless

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I remain Sir Your obedient Servant Fred. Herr

J. O.—

J.— The Deputy Minister
Fishery Depart. Ottawa

Hamilton May 18 1859

Friend Ellison.

I noticed in the fish Market there noble white fish your are shipping down here to John Morris. I happen to meet Mr Wilmot of Newcastle fish Hatchery at the Station the other day, when I inform him about these large white fish and of whom and where they had come from he was so pleased with them that he finally purchased some to send down to the Minister of Fisheries in my recommending you for the fish I found out & inform him of the difficulties of getting up to Shediac in Canada and I am seeing the fruits of it here already as every

One seems not well please with the sight of these splendid fish I heard your were in Hamilton some time ago enquiring for me I would been very glad to have been your I wish that you would send me a few large white fish as I intend to send some down to the Deputy Minister for his opinion on them and telling him at the same time where they had come from and let me know whether you were granted the six nets if you were not you ought to have been because you are the man for Canada Hang and thanksgiving this to flatter you I can assure you but that my opinions

Yours very truly
J. Fraser
Fishery Inspector

John Ellison Esq
Port Stanley

613

1589

Hamilton Henry Esq.

General Pillow

Awarded him the Gold
Cross of Honor with the rank of
Major for Bravery & Gallantry
displayed in leading his Regt.
(Indiana Cavalry) to charge
& capture a battery of Rebel
Artillery at the Battle of Thomas
Hill Mo. & making their retreat
from Camp impossible. Major
Hamilton was killed in the
charge.

Hamilton May 4th 92

Sir

Would you be pleased to send on the licenses that I applied for in my letter dated on the 21st of April last accompanied with Bank Draft No 532 for the sum of $40.00 as the applicants are continually writing for them -

And Would you kindly forward the twelve months salary due me, as soon as possible as I will require the money in a few days to make some payments and in sending me the money of per send it will be doing me a great favor

All of which is submitted with due respect

To Col: J Tilton Esq
Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
obedient Servant
Fred[k] Rose
M P P
Hamilton

Hamilton May 13 1892

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 9th instant duly received in reference to the licenses that I applied for and forwarded to you on the 21st of April last accompanied with Bank Draft No 532 for the sum of $40.00 as the applicants are continually writing for them, I beg to say that money was forwarded to the Government at once, and I trust it reached you safely before this. I have your receipt for the same with the exception of the licenses there are seven. As soon as I receive the licenses I will forward them to you at once. And from the receipt I will collect enough to pay the commissions, and remit you the balance. I am very much pressed for money just now and will be thankful if you can get me the licenses as soon as possible as the season is now opening and I want to make some payments

Yours truly
M Rose
M P P

F. O. Hamilton

Hamilton May 1st 1879

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. for the sum of Eleven dollars —

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount as follows for Licenses for this current year 1879 —

1st To James R Gordon Grantham for a Boat License to fish 400 yds of Herring Gill net in that portion of the Public waters of Lak Ontario from the west side of the Eight mile Creek to Keys farm — fronting on the Township of Grantham County Lincoln the fee sent herewith $5.00

2nd To Andrew Dantzenburg Agent Grantham for a Seine license for to fish in the Niagara River License already received by me herewith sends five dollars on Acct $5.00

3rd David P Knisley Port Colborne for a License to fish 200 yds of Herring gill net for his own private use in the waters of Lake Erie fronting on the Township Humberstone the fee sent Herewith — $1.00

Total Amt sent — $11.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above Licenses

All of which is submitted with due respect

I remain Sir your Obedient Servant
Fred Gern
P O
Hamilton

To the Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

Hamilton May 18th 1859

Sir

I have the honor to send you here with the Map and Plan of the survey of the Fishing Berths on Burlington Beach Lake Ontario shewing the lots and No. of each stations from the Burlington Canal Piers to the Broad Allowance between lots 24 and 25 Township of Saltfleet. In running out the lots I did not interfere with the rights of the old fishermen seine hauling grounds those who have them in possession for years and have kept them clear of all obstructions paying due respect to their claims I succeeded in garnering three new fishing Berths and this with a few vacants Berths near the Canal I will be able now to supply all applicants who wishes a lot giving all equal privileges and general satisfaction And another thing I have an Idea where there dividing lines the and there No. so there will be no more encroachments on each other as there has been for years back which cause much ill feeling and confusion amongst the fishermen I also send your Hon Bell Civil Engineer Acct for £10.0.0 for services rendered in making survey & Map which I recommend to be paid

All of which is respectfully submitted for your Consideration & approval

I have the honor to be
Your Obedient Servant
Fred Gowan
J. P. O.

The Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

Hamilton Ont. May 15th 1889

Sir

I beg to report that I have been informed by good Authority that there is Three American Jay Hawks fishing with Gill Nets in Lake Erie in Canadian waters between Point Abino and Port Colborne The parties who writes me on the subject wishes me to take action in the matter so as to put a stop to this fishing as they intend that it interfere with their fishing under license I cannot give you full particulars at present until I receive more information or see for myself Please advise me what Course am I to pursue in reference to the matter

All of which is respectively submitted

I am Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Kerr
H. F.
Hamilton

The Honorable
Deputy Minister
of Marine
Ottawa

Hamilton May 18 1839

Dear Sir

I will meet you next saturday at the Exchange Hotel in the afternoon if it will be convenient for you Yours Truly

Saml Sharp

Hamilton May 18 1839

Dear Sir

Yours of the 15th inst duly received I think you had better make application through me as sharp lives out of my County as the Locality you allude to are out of his Jurisdiction and another thing he is better acquainted with the Locality than I am who have never seen them if mr sharp do not take action in the matter let me know and I will attend but see sharp first

Yours Truly
G. Glass
Justice Inqh
Hamilton

Emerson Culp
Brantham Centre

Hamilton May 21. 1887

Sir

I beg to report that on receiving the Copy of the Complaint made by Mr a Thomas Wilson Sec of the Board of Health Town of Dundas in reference to a nuisance Caused by the Building of a Sewer for the Hamilton Asylum it being Injurious to the fish &c I proceeded at once to inspect & examine the said Sewer where it empties into Dundas marsh in what is known as Beasley Creek a tributary Stream leading into the marsh. The mouth of the said Sewer is about 3 miles from the Town of Dundas and about 600 yds from the Channel running from the marsh to the waters of Burlington Bay. In the first place the Sewer was built by the Ontario Government assisted by the City of Hamilton about ten years ago for the Lunatic Asylum situated on the Mountain They are now enlarging and rebuilding the same one Both Back as the old one has become decayed and rotten and has bursted in several places between the mountain and the marsh this mishap I believe has caused the strong smell and nuisance Complained of by the Citizen of Dunds being detrimental to there health which I have no doubt it has — — —

But as I did not observe any substance Coming from the mouth of said Sewer or in the Surrounding waters delitrious or injurious to the fish seen no dead fish but observe plenty of small fish playing in the vicinity I therefore Consider that this question does not come under the

the

the jurisdiction of Fishery Department being a matter of health and not fish but it comes under the Provincial Board of Health Authorities I had an Interview with Mayor Bertram Town of Dundas and several of the Board of Health on the subject and I explained matters to them and they finally came to the conclusion that the Fishery Department had nothing to do with the nuisance and intimated to me there in intention of notifying the Provincial Health Inspector Toronto to take action in matter and dark redress in that quarter

All of which is submitted with due respect

The Deputy Minister
of Fisheries
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Chief Officer
J. O
Hamilton

Hamilton May 24th 1889

Sir

I have the honor to send you here with Bank Draft &c. for the sum of $15.00 Fifteen dollars — — — —

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount as follows for Licenses for this Currents year 1889 — — — — —

1st John Bolton Niagara for a Boat license to fish 5000 yards of White fish Salmon Trout & seisgels Herring Gill net in that portion of the Public waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Lincoln between the Town of Niagara and Port Dalhousie The stipulated fee sent herewith . $5.00

2nd " Charles Bolton Niagara do do do do $5.00

3rd Joseph Masters Niagara for a Boat license to fish 3000 yds of Herring Gill net in that portion of Lake Ontario fronting the Town of Niagara County Lincoln the fee sent herewith $5.00

Total Amt sent $15.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above licenses All of which is respectfully submitted

I remain Sir Your Obedient Servant

The Deputy Minister Fisheries Ottawa

Gerald Herr P. O. Hamilton

Hamilton May 29th 1889. -

Sir

I beg to report for your information to the fact of the Catching and slaughtering of- small Speckled Salmon Trout said to be carried on by fishermen in the waters of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay by means of undersized Gill nets. I observed in the fish Market to day a- large Quantity of Salmon Trout which weigh a bout a Pound apeice. I am inform that this kind of fish are shipped in Large quantities all over the Country they are thrown in with larger fish and shipped together. Complaints have been made to me by the fish dealer of Hamilton to the smallness of the fish and my attention has been drawn to the same fact by some of the most prominent men of the City who de- sired me to Bring it before your notice - - - Ira John Davis Fish Dealer inform me that he found a Consignment of Fish from Ira Macintosh Owen- Sound with a number of small fish entered with them, and Ira Cline and other Fish Dealer say they receive their from Southampton Lake Huron According to my observation of the size of the fish the mesh used in Catching them Cannot be any Larger then 2½ inches extension measure about half the regulated size the dealer here say they do not want them as they cannot disposed of them to advantage some has gone as far as to write to the parties who export them to send them no more some of them are fresh and other are salted and smoked when they arrive here.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your information to the Deputy Minister. I remain Fisheries Dept Ottawa Sir Your Obt Servt

Fred Gee

May 9

May 13th	James R Gordon	Licensed	5 00	Sent by Banks
"	Andrew Vanstenburg	Lic-Asst	5 00	Draft No 6 a to
"	David P Knisley	Lic	1 00	the fishery Dept
				on the 18th of May
May 28th	John Bolton	Lic-	5 00	Sent by Banks
"	Charles Bolton	Lic-	5 00	Draft No 45
"	Joseph Masters	Lic-	5 00	to Dept on the
				28th of May

Total Amt Sent in the $ 26 00 month of May

Hamilton 9

Fred. Heer
Hamilton

Hamilton June 1st

Dear Sir

I will be in York by early next week would you be pleased to try if possible to have your license papers ready for me as I am ordered by the Dept to collect all monies due at once and oblige I hoping you and family are enjoying good health

Yours truly

Jo C. [illegible]

Hamilton June 6th 1889

Dear Sir

Your Postal Card duly received on my return from Lake Erie. I am very glad to hear that you were appointed to the position of Collector of Customs it is a great deal better than Fishery Bounties in my opinion no trouble on your mind or abuse &c &c as it does in the fishery business. I have not received any orders from the Dept as yet in reference to your late district but I expect to be sent there soon and if I am I will certainly call on you and ascertain the lay of the ground and talk matters over generally

Yours truly

Jo Coursol
Collector of Customs

Hamilton Place

Dear Sir

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To Wm & John McCracken
Port Colborne 1887.

Hamilton June 6th

Dear Sir

On my return from Lake Erie I received your letter I would liked to have seen you at Port Colborne yesterday morn I telegraphed you from Ridgeway to meet at Station but I supposed you did not receive it in time I wanted to find out some information in regard to these American Jugs said to be fishing in Canadian waters and to inform me what means your boat in Boats at the Port to enable me to Overhaul these fellows and at what distance do they set their nets from our shore please give me all the information you can in reference to them so that I can send a Tug down & you make [illegible] Yours truly [illegible]

Hamilton June 6. 1887

Dear Sir

Yours of the 2nd duly received I was in Port Colborne & Ridgeway on Tuesday & Wednesday but as I did not receive your letter until my return I could not make an appointment to meet you but in regard to these American Jugs I have made arrangements with some of the fishermen so soon as they set in Canadian waters near enough to get at I will be there you can send your license fee as soon as you can make it I understand that there is one Jug fishing close to the Point just keep your eye on them and let me know

Yours Truly
D. Glen.

Yale Hunt
Benton

Fisheries Inspector

Hamilton June 6th 1889.

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Dayft No for the sum of Ten dollars.

Would you be pleased to apply this amount as follows

To Chester A Harris Port Erie for a license to fish one seine 200 yds long in the waters of Niagara River from the Ferry Dock to the Gilmore Road fronting on the Town of Port Erie the fee sent herewith $10.00

I beg to state in reference to this license that Mr Harris humbly asks the Fishery Department to allow him the privilege of fishing this year for the ten dollars as the fishing at Port Erie is a complete failure on account of the Steam Barge of Sewerage from the City of Buffalo having not caught 5.00 worth this season altogether and he has quit hauling for some time he wishes to hold the ground until he sees what steps the County Council are taking in the matter as he understands they are going to take action in the affair

And I would recommend that you be pleased to grant Mr Harris the license for the ten dollars for this year.

All of which is respectfully submitted

The Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

Jas Gibbons
Inspector
Dom. Fisheries
N. D.
Hamilton

Hamilton June 7th 1879

Sir

I beg to report that on Tuesday last I proceeded to Port Colborne and Point Abino Light Onio to find out whether the rumours that I heard in reference to the American Tugs fishing in Canadian Waters were true or not — I may say that I find by enquiries that there had been five U.S. Tugs from Buffalo engaged in fishing in Canadian waters some ten days ago and I was informed that there is one still at present supposed to be fishing off about three miles out from Abino Point but as the weather was very stormy and the lake very rough I was enable to get assistance to go out to investigate I was inform by C H Stanfield Fisherman at the Point. That on about Ten days ago a American Tug came in the Bay one evening and set a mile of Sturgeon & Herring Gill net and after ed early next morning and removed them they were set in in front of almost across Scotts Pound Nets who unfortunatly was away at the time they hardly ever set the nets twice in the same place keep removing them from time to time one week they are fishing on the American side and the next week in Canadian waters the Lake at this place is 14 miles wide so it would be very easy do this kind of work and no one would see more of it in fact I was told that fish where ever they can catch the most fish along the lake in Canadian waters to the Detroit River — They are provided with very fast Boats very few Canadian Tugs of the same tonnage can compete with them in speed they fish largely for

Sturgeon & Herring & Perch and handle miles of Gill Nets and consequently catch large quantity of fish which is brought into Buffalo and sold there. I'm Wm. Scott who fishes the Pound Nets at Point Abino informs me that Inspector & c. Fisheries Dealers at Buffalo are proprietors of two of the Tugs namely the Angler & Wellington the names of the other Three are the R. Williams Desmond & Irene These Tugs came from Detroit last Spring and as I informed fish all the way down in Canada I could not ascertain the names of any of the men in charge but expect to know in few days- wholesale fishing has been going on some two years some say longer. I have made arrangements with several of the fishermen living at Abino Point to watch them and to notify me when seen fishing in that locality again when I will try and make an seizure but to find out the names or to overhaul them it would require a good Tug Boat to do so The fishermen of this District are ready to give me all the assistance that lies in there power to assist me in Carrying out the Law

All of which is respectively submitted for your information

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

I remain Sir Your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Kerr
C. O.
Hamilton

Hamilton June 11 1889

Dear Peter

Yours of the 10th duly received I cannot see for the life of me why you people down there cant live in peace and harmony surely the lake is large enough for the lot of you. I will be down your way next week and will call on you and have a talk with you the fish you mentioned there are not a wild yet but however I thank you very much for your kindness and hope that you and John and the rest of the family are well

Yours Truly
G. Herr
G O

to Peter Keith
Port Dalhousie

Private
Hamilton June 11 1889

Dear Sir

Yours of the 9th duly received I would you kindly meet me at Port Colborne on the arrival of the noon train on next Saturday at Mac Neil Hotel. Your information is kept strictly private and I hope that you will do the same by me

Yours Truly
G. Herr
G. O.

Ina A. Hunt
Bertie

Hamilton June 11
1884

Dear Sir

Yours of the 9th
duly received
Shall be pleased
to send the Journal
for one year
from date
Yours truly

Waters of Lake Erie. As I am unable to get any reliable information from Port Colborne in that neighbourhood how Myers the Law is only about three miles and another half the Lake Pleasedoire me as what action I am to take so as put a stop to this illegal fishing as I can assure you that there is a deal of Complaints Among the fishermen in regard to it.

All of which is respectfully submitted

To the Deputy Minister of Fisheries Ottawa

Inspector for Lower Lake Dist. Fish. Ont.

Hamilton June 13th 1869

Sir

I beg to report for your information that on Wednesday last the 12th instant I received a telegram from William Scott Pound Net Fisherman residing on the shores of Lake Erie near Point Abino informing me that the American Tugs were fishing in Abino Bay off or near his Pound Nets and on Thursday I proceeded to the locality and procured a small Sail Boat and en Company with J. H Mansfield fisherman made search but was unsuccessful in finding any nets they appeared to have removed them the night or so before my arrival and are supposed to be fishing further up the Lake above the Grand River. while out on the Lake I met and passed a Tug the J. R. Williams of Buffalo about a mile and half from shore coming from the direction of Port Colborne and later arriving to Buffalo I observed as she passed that she had fish Boxes reels and other fishing apparatus required for fishing purposes — —

The only way to stop this illegal fishing is to procure a small Tug at Port Colborne and to proceed along the Lake and seize them And if you see fit to give me the permission I should be able to hire a steam yacht at Port Colborne at for about five dollars per day and with a good Constable I can assure you I would be able to do effective service

Would you be pleased to inform me whether there is a regulated or a definite line drawn between the United States and Canada in the waters

Hamilton June 25 1892

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No: for the sum of $11.00 Eleven dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount as follows for Licenses for this Current year 1892

1st/ Wm. Scott Ridgeway for a Boat Licence to fish 5-000 yds of White fish Herring Gill Net in that portion of the waters of Lake Erie fronting on the Township of Bath County Welland the fee sent therewith $ 1.00

2nd/ W. Wm Smith Burlington Beach for a Boat License to fish 1000 yards of Herring Gill Net in the waters of Lake Ontario from the Burlington Beach from the Burlington Piers running North to opposite the Old Bartlet County of Lincoln both the fee sent $5.00

Wm Hodgkinson Grantham for a License to fish 200 yards of Herring Gill Net in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Township of Grantham County of Lincoln to fish for his own use and not for Sale fee sent herewith $ 1.00

Total Amt sent herewith $11.00

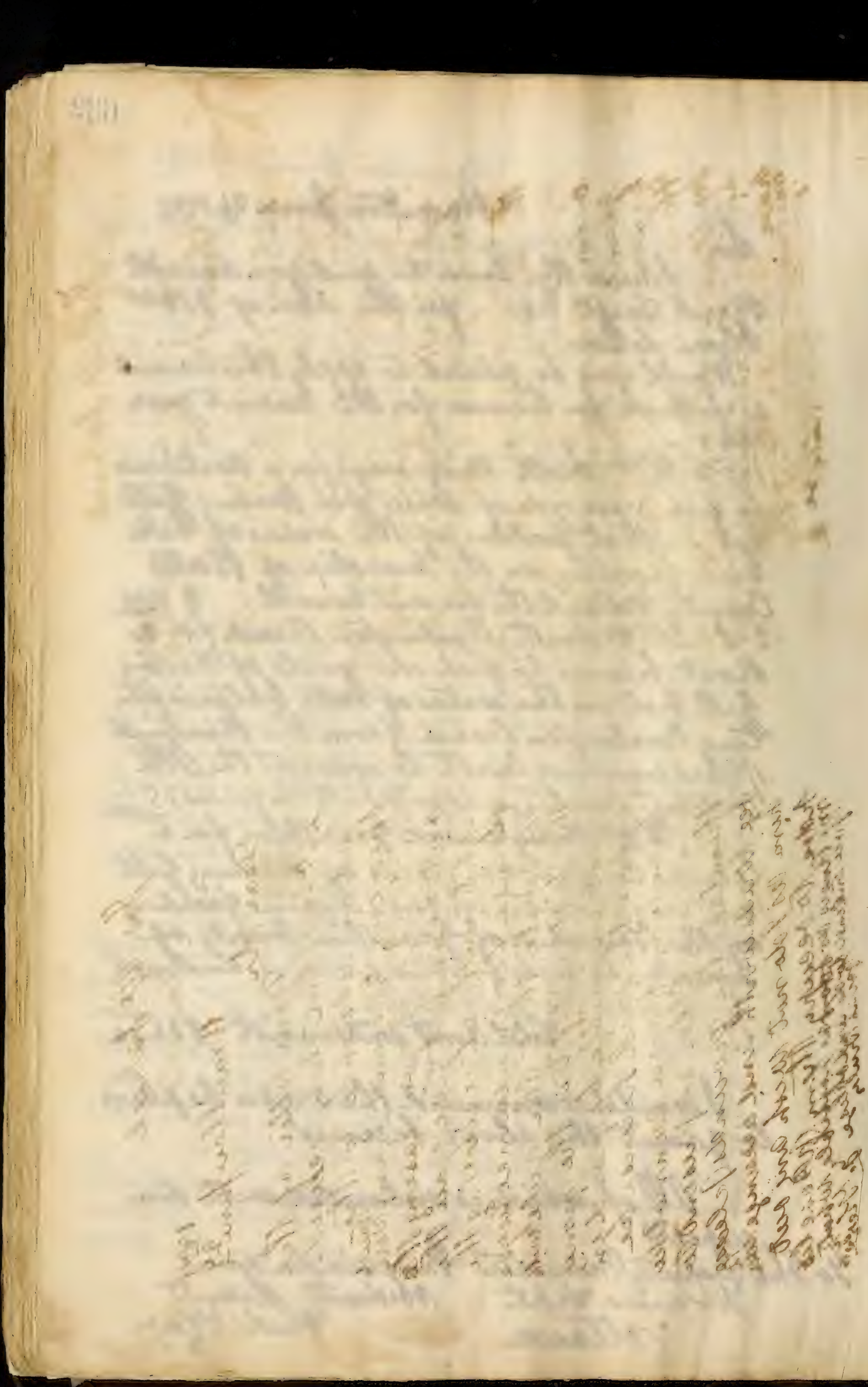
I would recommend that you be pleased to grand the above licenses

All of which is submitted with due respect

To the Deputy Minister Marine Dept Ottawa

I remain Sir your Obedient Servant Fred. Gardner

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Hamilton June 24 1809

Dear Sir

Would you kindly inform me whether you have noticed the American Fleet lately fishing in your neighbourhood or have you heard anything in regard to them or any information you might have received you would send it to me as I am greatly alarmed

Your Sincere Friend

Mr. John Moore
Port Colborne

Hamilton June 25th 1809

Dear Sir

In answer to your Memorandum of the 24th instant I beg to inform you that my Brother is the sole administrator of my late Father's Estate left by my late Father

Your respectfully

Yours &c

Sir

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1829
Hamilton June 29th

Dear Sir

Will you please inform me whether you notice any of the American Boats fishing lately in your neighbourhood or had you heard anything about them kind enough to send me any information that you might have and oblige

Your Truly
Jos. Fras
Hutchinson Bonnycastle J. P.
Wellington

1829
Hamilton June 29th

Dear Sir

Will you please inform me whether you notice any of the American Boats fishing lately in your neighbourhood or had you heard anything about them kind enough to send me any information that you might have and oblige

Your Truly
Jos. Fras
Hutchinson Bonnycastle J. P.
Wellington

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June 9

June 6 Charles Morris Dr. June 9 10.00 Sent by Bank Draft No 103 on the Dept on the 6th of June

June 21 Wm Scott Dr. Rent June 9 25.00 Sent by Bank
" " Wm Smith " " 9 5.00 Draft No 104 on the
" " Wm Hodgson " " 100 The Dept on the 21st inst. June 1919

Total Amt sent in month 9 2100 of June 1919

Hamilton July 9

Jno. Kerr
Hamilton

Yard'l Hero
Hamilton
first of April The S Affleck

April	1st	Gen'l Wm. Kirkpatrick Esq. for self & Co.	Rec'd Draft	1 Hhd. 12	2 00
"	4	Duty on the Paper on the Boy Coat	Pencils and Garments	1 Hhd. 30	2 00
"	5	Duty on Boy Coat		1 Hhd. 20	2 00
"	6	Duty on Boy Coat		1 Hhd. 30	2 00
"	9	Duty on Boy Coat		1 Hhd. 50	3 75
"	10			1 Hhd. 60	2 60
"	12			1 Hhd. 20	2 00
"	16			1 Hhd. 30	2.00
"	20			1 Hhd. 20	2 00
"	23			1 Hhd. 50	4 75
"	24			1 Hhd. 50	5 00
"	25			1 Hhd. 30	2 20
"	26			1 Hhd. 20	2 00
"	29			1 Hhd. 30	4 10
"	30			1 Hhd. 60	2 30
May	2			1 Hhd. 40	2 00
"	3			1 Hhd. 30	3 00
"	4			1 Hhd. 20	2 00
				Pd	72 75

Genl. Hear
Hamilton
The first of April 7th 21 June 9

[illegible]	1			[illegible]	[illegible]
"	13	Down at Burlington Beach looking after the fishery &c &c.	1	HR 14	2 00
"	15	Down at Burlington Beach Superintending and fishing Boats Conferring with Thos Bell Esq.	1	HR 15	3 00
"	20	Out at Burlington Heights Examining Marsh and Town of Dundas Superintending Fishery &c.	1	HR 20	2 00
"	22	Down at Burlington Beach fixing stakes at fishing Berths	1	HR 15	2 50
"	24	Off to St Catherines Niagara and Home Collecting Rents &c.	1	Ry HR 50	5 11
June	3	Down at Hamilton Station to meet John Benfield, Newcastle with Salmon Ova sent to B. H. &c.	1	HR 15	2 50
"	4	Off to Ridgeway thence to Fort Erie Then back to Ridgeway	1	Ry HR 75	5 00
"	5	Down from Ridgeway to P. Colborne to Settle mouth of Grand River Colborne	1	Ry HR 50	5 00
"	8	To the Burlington Beach looking after the Fisheries	1	HR 15	2 00
"	13	Off to Port Colborne thence to Point Abino And Ridgeway looking after the American Fishery &c.	1	Ry HR 60	5 00
"	14	Off from Ridgeway Via Port Colborne to St Catharines and Home	1	HR 10	1 50
"	20	At Burlington Beach Collecting Rents	1	HR 10	2 00
"	24	Off to Niagara Grimsby Port Dalhousie St Catharines thence to Home	1	Ry HR 50	5 00
		total Amt.			57 11

Genl. Hear

Hamilton

Hamilton July 1st 1879

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith for your consideration & Approval My account and expenditure in carrying on duties during my delivedutties in this Division for the Quarter ending 30th June 1879 Amounting $32.15
Add Voucher No 1 Fred Herr Telegraphs 1.55
Add Voucher No 2 Fred Herr Postage 1.00
Add Voucher No 3 John Wilkins Boatman 70.00
$105.70
Total Amount

I beg to report that I travelled about 1264 miles during the Quarter Just ending and being on active duties 91 days having found it absolutely necessary to do being Compelled to keep a very close watch on Burlington Bay with regard to illegal fishing with nets and to close seasons generally hoping this record of duties performed by me will give satisfaction

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration & approval

To The Deputy Minister Fisheries Department Ottawa

I remain Sir Your Obedient Servant
Fred Herr
P. O
Hamilton

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Hamilton July 2nd 1884

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter of the 1st Instant I beg to inform you that I have no objection to your fishing night lines what ever you like can go on fish as many as you wish only I would like you to keep account of what you catch and send it to me at the end of the year for first in my annual returns of all fish caught

Yours respt

To H.B. Gunn Comm. G. Y. Com.
Jordon Station G. Inspector
Ont



Hauled to Hamr

Hamiltons
1st of April — the 30 of June — 89

April	1st	sett on Burlington Bay grapling for nets in company with Jas Willkins recruit H.B. from Home 2 days	1	10	2	00
"	"	sett on B. Bay grapling for nets threw out Buoy Lanston Weights singed about 3 cwt of net drifting up the me H.B. to dinner for two Hands Waiting	1	30	2	50
"	"	sett on B. Bay Weights destributing Close seamen nothing then sett on Bay grapling for nets drifting with me with no results H.B. 2 days	1	20	2	00
"	6	a Boat on B. Bay looking for nets and on Burlington Heights drifting with me no results H.B. 2 days	1	20	2	00
"	9	off to Ft Colborne to Post Letters and papers Collecting Commissary notices by Yacht 150 Miles for H.B. Rodgers Steamboat 5 days Cabin Fare 2.0.0	1	60	3	75
"		Jas Murray Wages 2 days				
"	10	off from Oswego to Burlington Bay 35 Miles from Steamboat 25 Miles thence to Port Burlington Bay Steamboat 5 days Fare to Port Colborne 3.5.0 Port Board at Doyle Hotel Oswego 1.5.0	1	60	2	60
"	12	sett on B. Bay Grapling for nets Seized about 600 yds in Company with Jas Wilkins H.B. 2 days 5 Boats 5 days	1	20	2	50
"	15	sett on B. Bay grapling nets seized 1 Gang net and about 200 yds of Gill net with all my Gear H.B. 1 day	1	10	1	00
"	20	sett on B. Bay grapling for nets seized about 800 yds with Wilkins Company H.B. 2 days for 5 Boats	1	20	2	50
"	23	off to Pt Colborne 25 Miles from Home to meet Hamilton Steamboat 2 days Pt Colborne Hotel Bill	1	70	4	85
"	24	off to Pt Alma to meet Hamilton 12 Miles from Pt Colborne by Boat 2 days from Niagara Entrance 60 Miles from Pt Colborne to Pt Patterson 80 Miles Pt Patterson to Port Board Collected 1200 dozen	1	80	5	00
"	25	off from Port Dover by Caledonia Boat 20 Miles this trip made through information Collected about fishing with out fix	1	40	2	20
"	26	off to Caledonia met Mr Healy Grand river by instruction from Lieut Pilot for Pt Colborne from Pt Maitland 5 days from Pt Maitland to Home 2 days	1	60	3	00
"	29	off to Cayuga from Home by Road to Port Dover 9 Miles thence by Steamboat to Cayuga 25 Miles Pilot Constable from Home to Port Dover Steamboat to Cayuga 1 day	1	30	1	10
"	30	off from Cayuga Home by Hagerville Over Caledonia 40 Miles to Hamilton 50 Miles from Hamilton Home 30 Miles	1	60	2	30
May	2	at Hamilton Station to meet Chas Home Steamboat with Jas H.B. 2 days	1	10	2	00
"	3	off to Cayuga to attend Court then up the Grand River 1 day met Pilot Constable 1.5.0 for				

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Yrad[illegible] Yrs.

Hamilton
1st of April to the 31 of June 89

		[illegible]	18	729	51	25-
		[illegible]	1	80	8	80-
May	4	Off Hamilton and went out on B Bay looking for nets engraphing nothing with me for the results did not find any H.B.B.2.00	1	15	2	00
"	13	down at B Beach making Enquiries about lines in reference to proposed Survey of Part of H.B.	1	14	2	00
"	15	down at Bay Beach surveying and getting Certificate Company with Lt Hall for L.S.H.B.32. to Rd J Hazelwood for Lodd. down at McClean for Tide 7 ft by 1 foot	1	15	3	00
"	20	off Bay for Weights Sounding month Town of Dundas Inspecting Season by subdivision from Sept the 1st 1889 to April 1st 1892 Days at morning 1.25 Cold work	1	27	2	90
"	21	down at Burlington Beach drawing Stakes and met the [illegible] Rd A McDonald for H.B.	1	15	2	50
"	24	off to [illegible] Catharines met Mr home Collecting rents Called 7.00 Yr fare 1.70 Rd Inspecting 2.00 for H.B home for their Home myself 75 lb Rice 10 lb Statement	1	90	5	10
June	3	down at Hamilton Sta to meet J. Hemsfield myself & Gls with Frey drew down 6 cans [illegible]	1	15	2	50
"	4	off to Ridgeway Pt Colborne via Welland Port Colborne				
"	5	1.75 thence to [illegible] Coach fed Overland for H.B. 3.00 Collect 1.00 for Inspection fees	1	75	4	75
"	6	off from Ridgeway to Pt Colborne Dunville month of June Rides Home 1.75 for 2.00 Board 1.00 this trip Inspection from Sept 1st 89 to June 1890 for my part	1	50	3	05
"	7	to R. Beach Inspecting Sta Gasburner found alright H.B	1	15	2	00
"	12	off to Collingwood Harbour Lands Shortlegs Ry fare 2.75 H.B Paid Mcleod 3.00 for H.B Board	1	90	5	25
"	13	off from Collingwood home via Stations Clinton Mount Forest Cobourg Port Hope Oshawa Home 1.00	1	50	1	50
"	20	off R. Beach Collecting rents 5.00 for [illegible] H.B 2.00	1	10	2	00
"	24	off to Pic Resumption by Local Office with [illegible] Ry fare 1.20 Pd Rodgers 2.00 H.B Pd Mr [illegible] Thos Dinsmore Board [illegible]				
					31.	124.39	51.	10

Yrad: Hon

Hamilton July 1st 1889

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith for your consideration and approval my account and expenditure incurred by me during my active duties in this division for the quarter ending 31st of June 1889 Amounting $92.10

Add Voucher No 1 Fred'k Herr Telegraphs 1.55

Add Voucher No 2 Fred'k Herr Postage 1.00

Add Voucher No 3 John Wilkins Boatmanage 10.00

Total Amt $105.65

I beg to report that I have travelled about 1264 miles during the quarter just ending being on active duty 31 days having found absolutely necessary to do so being compelled to keep a very close watch especially the Burlington Bay with regard to illegal fishing of nets and to close seasons generally I would like to have explained the duties performed by me on my various trips more fully but not finding room on the forms I done the best I could hoping that this will give satisfaction

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration & approval

I am Sir your obedient servant

To The Deputy Minister Fred'k Herr.

Fisheries Department

Ottawa

J. O Hamilton

Hamilton July 5th 1884

Sir I made application for Boat licenses to
names of Wm Beach & Wm Hodgson Smith
Burlington Beach & Wm Hodgson Smith
on the 25th June last demanding
Bank Sharpe for Nos 15 & 16 for the
the Acts for Licenses for the same
we want them Pilchard Boats
earliest Convenience
All of which is duly Observed

Yours &c

G. Wm Deputy Inspector
Hamilton Dept
Ontario

Private

Hamilton July 12 1884

Dear Sir

Yours of the 9th duly received I will be up early next week if possible I have received permission from the Fishery Dept to engage a tug. Please inform us to the general Charges of such a Boat I would like to meet me at Port Colborne when I arrive there. I will telegraph you through John McCloud before I start so then you will be able to get in touch Please answer this as soon as possible.

I remain

Yours &c

Fred Gates

G. W. Deputy Inspector

Fred Gates

Ontario

Hamilton, July 11th 1843.

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1889

Hamilton July 15=

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 11. Hilton duly received. I beg to inform you that I am unable to grant your request at the present time having been notified by the Fishery Dept some time ago not to grant or recommend any more licenses then what are fishing now or in Niagara River with machine & owing to the scarcity and decrease of fish in those waters anyway I consider it rather late in the season to take the matter up but next year if you will kindly remind me on the subject I will bring it before the Dept in the best possible

I remain Your respectfully
Fred. Kerr
Fishery Inspector

J. J. Holden Esq
Custom Officer
Lewiston

possible light. but you can not expect them to receive a license at that money when other Fishermen are paying $10. per machine. The next time that I am in Queenston I will take the liberty and pleasure of calling on you and have a talk on the matter. Thanking you very kindly for your kind remark in respect to my late Father

Hannibal July 15th 1844

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 11th Villiers Dudley received. I beg to inform you that I am unable to answer your request of the amount of Terra Adorning Seeds purchased. For the Planters that have Terra Adorn not to represent more than one thousand Terra Adorning Seeds to the Planter. Terra Adorning Seeds will be sent to you as soon as possible. The next Terra Adorning Seeds will be sent to you as soon as possible. The next Terra Adorning Seeds will be sent to you as soon as possible. The next

Hamilton July 20 1889

Dear Sir

I beg to inform you that in reference to your application for a license to fish the Hope nets in the Chippewa Creek the Dept. of Fisheries deem it inadvisable to issue licenses for net fishing of any kind whatever in the above named waters - -

I may state that I brought your case in the best possible light before the Dept but as there is so much opposition going on against net fishing in all Creeks and rivers at present I was afraid you would not succeed unless you had the strongest influence

I remain your truly

J. Kerr

To Charles Ross
Port Maitland

J. O

Hamilton July 20 1889

Dear Sir

Would you kindly send me the address of a man named Dutter who has been fishing a seine all summer at Low Banks without a license - or would you be please to inform him if convient to you to send me the $5:00 for license at once as information has been sent to me of his broaking the law the parties who inform me are ready to give evidence to that effect and to save costs and expenses he had better send the money at once

I remain yours

J. Kerr

To Isaac Michner Esqr
Low Banks

J. O

Hamilton July 20th 1884.

Sir

I beg to report for your information that on Thursday last the 18th instant I proceeded to Port Colborne on information received by me in relation to the Americans fishing on and encroaching in Canadian fishing grounds in the waters of Lake Erie near Point Abino. After finding out by making enquiries among the resident fishermen of the vicinity in question, of the American Boats being seen fishing in that neighbourhood a few days ago. And ascertaining from them that they were not fishing there with nets at present through the scarcity of fish — —
The next day Friday I decided to employ a steam yacht the Hamilton owned by Johnathen Heff of Stone Bridge near Port Colborne on the Welland Canal and in company with Constable Eugene I proceeded down the Lake from the Port to Abino Bay, which is about 14 miles and found a herring Gill net set and fishing within a half mile of Canadian shore at or near the Point the net was about 1000 yard long it was located by having Buoys placed at each end of the net with a small American Flag Stars & stripes attached to the Buoys —
The net I immediately seized and removed and confiscated together with a small number of fish found caught in the nets. After raising the net the Lake became very rough stormy and I was unable to mark the fish secured and so had to return to the

with the one net. I have no doubt that only for the storm springing up I would have succeeded in fencing more. I brought the nets home with me and am having them properly dried and carefully stored away until such times I receive further instructions from you in regard them — —
The nets seized are supposed to be owned by parties in Buffalo but I will find out in a few days
I may also state for your information that I have heard from reliable sources that the Americans are carrying on the same kind of fishing at Cobs Point Moulton Bay Port Dover and Port Burwell in fact along the Canadian Waters within half mile of the shore

All of which is respectively submitted

To The Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred'k Peters
F. O

Hamilton July 25th 1839

Dear Sir

Yours of the 20th duly received In regard to John McCartney he does not hold a license. But I received an application from Forces for whatever. I will write him and if he does not send me his license fee at once I will certainly prosecute him for the contravention of the Fisheries Act fishing without a license

Thanking you very much for your kindness in furnishes me the information received

I remain Yours Truly
D. McLeren J.P.

Mr. Louis Duvernay
Deseville

Hamilton July 25th 1839

Dear Sir

I have been informed by good Authority that you have been fishing with a large seine at Bolton Peter Lord Banks for some time past and as you have not made any application for a license you have rendered yourself liable to a heavy fine according to the Fisheries Act that is fishing without a license To save further trouble & expense Please send me at once your license Fee $5:00 the length of seine is 2 [illegible] if not I will have to bring immediate proceedings against & I hope your kindness and prosecute proof of your breaking the laws

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant
Fishery Protector

Hamilton July 26th 1869

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. for the sum of $6.50 Six dollars and fifty cents - - - -

Would you be pleased to apply this amount as follows -

1st John Hughes Burlington Beach for a Boat license to fish 2000 yards of Herring Gill. Net in that portion of Lake Ontario fronting on Burlington Beach on fishing Set No 20. The fee sent herewith $5.00

2nd Jacob Millenbach Fisherville who was fined one dollar on 4th of may last for the Contravention of the Fishery Act I herewith send you Half the fine 50

3rd Leonard and George Clucks of York who was fined one dollar each on the 24th of June last &c &c &c I herewith send half $1.00

$6.50

Total Amt sent

I beg to state that with reference to the last three names mentioned I had Millenbach Charged before A. A Davis J. P. York myself which I reported at the time but in regard to the Clucks Mr. Davis sent me the money reporting that he inflicted the fines on them for Contravention of the Fishery Act on the 24th June last

All of which is respectively submitted for your Consideration & approval

To the Deputy Minister I remain Sir your

Obedient Servant

Fred. Gisborne

F. I.

To Fisheries

Ottawa

July 3

264	John Hughes	Licence	3	5-00	Remit to the Dept
"	Jacob Mellenbagh	Fine		5-0	by Bank Draft
"	Leonard & George Clark	"		1-00	No. 264 on the
Total Amt sent in month of July			3	6 5-0	20th instant

Dated at
Hamilton July 3/1834

Asst. Gen. Rev.
Hamilton

Hamilton August 3.rd 1889.

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No 229 for the sum of $10.00 Ten dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount for licenses for this current year 1889 as follows -

Mr Robert Beadle Burlington Beach for Boat Licence to fish 4000 yards of Herring Net out in that portion of Lake Ontario in fishing Lots No 1 fronting on Burlington Beach Township of Saltfleet the Std.rd fee dent. $5.00

2.nd Lewis Peer Dennill for a Licence to fish one White Fish Seine 240 yds long in that portion of Lake Erie fronting on the Townships of Moulton & Bolton distk the fee herewith $5.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above parties these licences

Bill of which is submitted with due respect

To The Deputy Minister Fisheries Depot Ottawa

I am Sir Your Obedient Servant Fred.k Heron

H

Wm & John Macnachten
Port Colborne
1886
Hamilton August

Dear Sir

Your Card duly received the mesh of the nets that I secured is about 2¼ inches extension measure they are in good condition nearly new and well mounted as far as I can Judge There must be over a Thousand Yards in the lot so you can Judge what they are worth so you better make me an offer for them as I am instructed by the Dept to dispose of them if I can get a reasonable offer I am sorry that I did not see you when at the Port Please keep a good lookout for more American nets and let me know if a sure thing and I will be there as I am determined to stop it

Yours Truly
D. Fisheries Off

Jno C Macneal
Port Colborne

1886
Hamilton August 8th

Friend Mac

I am very sorry to learn of the accident that befell you and I hope that you are recovering rapidly. I have a letter from the Fishery Dept when the Hon. Minister highly commends me for my actions in reference to the seizing of them Yankee nets Cause you heard if there is any more fishing going on I would like to have another crack at them but would want to have sure thing before going out. Please send me any information you can and oblige Hoping that you will be alright when I see you again

Yours resp.

658

Hamilton August 3rd 1899

Dear Sir

Having heard nothing from you since I seized those nets of the Point on the 19th of July last. I thought I would write you to find out if you have any idea or heard as to who were the owners. Kindly let me know if you have observed any Americans fishing in the neighborhood like your fleet &

Thanking you for information

I remain Yours respectfully
Fred. Weir
Acting Inspect.

Hamilton August 3rd 1899

Dear Sir

Having heard nothing lately in regard to the americans fishing in our waters I thought I would write you and see if you have received any information in regard to them. Do you think that we frighten so bad with the one we have that they will not try it any more. Kindly give me any information received as I would like to have another crack at them but would want to be sure and have a sure thing before going out. Hoping that you & your son are well

I remain Yours respectfully
Fred. Weir
Acting Inspect.

Wm Johnston Esq
Pt Dover

Hamilton Sept 5th 1850

Dear Sir

Having heard nothing
lately in regard to the summons
for witness in our matter I thought
it would not be out of place
for me to remind you that as
there has been a good deal
in regard to them the first
that we treated on
for trespass after this notice
was served we have
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Hamilton August 5th 1889

Sir

I beg to report for your information that on Saturday last the 3rd instant in the City of Hamilton. My attention was again drawn to the small size of the Salmon Trout fish offered and exposed for sale in the Hamilton fish Market Caught in the waters of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay. and shipped here by various fish dealers at the different fishing stations along the above lakes — — —

The fish that I observed were exposed for sale at John Davis fish stall Hamilton Market and were I admit the smallest I have seen yet of the kind not being over seven or eight inches in length and weighing about half a pound a piece and were shipped by Mr MacIntosh of Meaford to Mr Davis who informed me that he received a large Quantity of them a few days ago mixed with larger ones. Mr Davis also informs me that he was selling them at 2.0 cts per Dozen so you may judge what size they are he has wrote Macintosh to he informs me time and again to stop sending them but it seems to no purpose or avail. — —

If the small fish are shipped at the same rate and average all over the country as they come here to this Market. Then my opinion is that there must be a great destruction of fish going on in the above waters and if something is not done to stop it in a short time those noble fish will be completly

destroyed As I remarked in my report on
This same subject to the Dept on the 2nd
of May last which opinion I still hold
The nets that are used in fishing for them
Cannot have meshes more then 2½ inches ex
tension measure about half the regulated
size and many old Fishermen who have
noted and examine the fish are of the same
opinion. Hoping that I am not overstep
ing the mark or exceeding my duty in bring
ing this subject again before your notice
I do. I Consider it my duty as a Fishery Officer
to do so

All of which is respectfully submitted

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Vere
G. F. O

Hamilton August 24th 1889

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for license for the following names residents of Burlington Beach for this current year 1889 =

1st Johnathan Corey Burlington Beach for a Boat license to fish 6000 yards of Cisco & Herring Gill net in that portion of the Public waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Wentworth fishing lots known as No. 1 & 2 the fee to be $5.00 payable when license delivered --

2nd " George Duff Burlington Beach do do 6,000 yds to be set on fishing lot known No 3

3rd " Chas Rolla Burlington Beach for a Boat license to fish 2000 yds of Herring Gill net on fishing Lot No 6 do do.

4th " David Fileth Burlington Beach for a license to fish one seine 250 yds long do do on fishing Lot No 4. the fee to be $5.00

5th " Colin Rolla Burlington Beach for a license to fish 6000 yds of Cisco & Herring Gill net do do and fishing Lot No 8 do

6th John Jaffa Burlington Beach for a license to fish one White fish seine 250 yds long do do on fishing Lot No 9. the fee to be $5.00

7th " Chas Jaffa Burlington Beach for a Boat license to fish 6000 yds of cisco Herring Gill net do do Township County of Wentworth

8th " Richard Jaffa Burlington Beach for a license to fish 2000 yds of Herring Gill net do do on fishing lot known No. 10 the fee to be $5.00

I recommend that you be pleased to grant the above licenses in regard

Regard

regard to Richard Jaffe the East man
Rivers I recommend that his license be granted
for as he has no Boat of his own he is emp-
loyed by other Fishermen who lends him a
Boat when required by him I may say
that fishing has been very poor on Burk-
ton Beach this season do far a great scare
city of all kinds of fish prevailing at present
but the Fishermen have great hopes for the
future I will send in the rest of the Fisher
men names Living on the Beach in few
days as soon as I see them

All of which is submitted with due
respect

I am Sir your
Obed Servt
Head Ist Fish
Ist

To the Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

August 29th 1889

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for licenses for the following Fishermen residing on Burlington Beach for the present year 1889

1st Wm. Prince Depew Burlington Beach for a Boat license to fish 5000 yds of cord and three Herring Gill Net in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Township of Saltfleet and on fishing lot known as No. 11. Burlington Beach the fee to be $5.00

2.. Daniel Pregronie B. Beach 5000 yds. do do do and on fishing lots known as No.s 1. 13. 19. the fee to be $10.00

3rd Thos B. Gould .. 4000 yds do do. on lot No 14. the fee to be $5.00

4th Jr N. Corey " " 5000 yds do do —. and on lot No 15.. the fee " " $5.00

5th John Hazard .. .. 2000 " " " on fishing lot known as No. 16 " .. $5.00

6 Robert Webster do do. 2000 .. . . on fishing lot No. 17 " $5.00

7. Moses Nibloe .. .. ..2000 .. . . on fishing lots No 21 & 22. .. . .. $4.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above Licenses the money to be collected when Licenses are delivered

All of which is respectively submitted for your consideration & approval

To the Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

I remain Sir Yours.
Ofcr Insp
Grad: Fish

+ Hamilton Augt 31st 1849

Sir

I have the honor to send you here... with Bank Draft No. [illegible] for the Sum of Twenty five Dollars $25.00

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount for licenses for this current year as Follows

1st James Cantwell Niagara for a Boat license to fish 5000 yds of White fish Salmon Trout & Cis-coe Herring Gill net in that portion of the Public Waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Lincoln between the Town of Niagara and Port Dalhousie the steps license fee herewith sent — — $5:00

2nd Keith & Mills Niagara for a Boat License to fish 4000 yds of Cis-coes Herring Gill net do. " " The fee sent Herewith $5:00

3rd Patericks Hand Port Dalhousie for a Boat license to fish 5000 yds of Cis-coes Herring Gill net in that portion of Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Lincoln the fee sent Herewith — — $5:00

4th William Hand Port Dalhousie do do $5:00

5th Peter Smith Port Dalhousie for a Boat License to fish 5000 yards of White fish salmon trout & cis-coes Herring Gill net in that portion of waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Lincoln the fee sent herewith $5:00

Total Amt sent $25.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above licenses. All of which is respectfully submitted

I am Sir your Obt Servt
D. [illegible]

To the Honble
The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept Ottawa

August.

Augt. 3	Robert Braudt	License	$ 5-00	Sent By Bank
" "	Lewis Pace	"	5-00	Draft No 279
				to the Dept on
				3rd for the sum
				of $10-00
Augt 8th	James Cantwell	License	5-00	
"	Miss Kibb & Mills	"	5-00	Sent by Bank
"	Roberts Hand	"	6-00	Draft No 36-3
"	Milliams Hand	"	6-00	to the Dept on
"	Peter Roth	"	6-00	8th for the
				sum of $26-00
Total Amt sent to the Dept for the			$ 35-00	month August

Daniel H. Smith

Hamilton $

Hamilton

private

1889

Hamilton Sept 14

Dear Sir

I called at your place on Sunday last in your absence. I would like to have seen you. I have received & heard a great many Complaints in the vicinity of Catherine in regard to your seine fishing in the Pond. And the fact is I do not know what to do about it as you never made any application to me for permission that I am aware of. I would like you to give me some explanation as to what rule or act was passed in reference to the Seine Road. As to fishing of nets I would advise you

send me $5.00 without delay and I will buy and get a Seine license for you the license to call for the month of the said Creek. or better if you could come up and tell me we could regulate it in some shape that would prove satisfactory. I may tell you that you will have to be very careful in future as to fishing in the Pond I am writing this for your own sake, if you be able to come up please send a Postal Card to me a day or two before starting and Oblige.

Yours Truly
Gerald Gherr.

Richard Gilbert
Jordon

Box 175 G. O.

1886

Personalem Lift [illegible]

Dear Sir

I called at your
Office to see you but you were
absent. I received Notice of
Counsel + Jurors to appear in
Court this morning.
I attended in the morning.
My Patients in regard to the
Case being pending in the
Court. One of the Jurors is
not known to me but I
do not know more people
therefore I am for Summons
I send you more of Personal
like your to be Summoned
as the Jurors are Called
We Plaintiff Counsel + Jurors
Counsel Defendant Counsel
Jurors Clerk

Hamilton Sept 11 1884

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to send me at once the sum $5.00 for your Boat license as I am ordered by the Fishery Dept at Ottawa to collect all arrears at once hoping that you will attend to this matter without further Delay

Yours truly
Fred. Yker
Fishery Bailiff
Box 175

Mr Thos Hand
Wilcox

2 Mr A Hunt
Bridgeburg

Hamilton Sept 11th 1884

Dear Sir

As the Fishery Dept at Ottawa sent me orders to Collect all license fees due at once and as you are arrears in my opinion for two years at least I would respectfully ask you to send me your License fee $5.00 for this Current year as soon as possible as you admitted to me of your fishing last winter and the last time I was speaking to you you promised to send me the money in few days and I would be very much pleased if you would send it at once or without delay and save further trouble

Yours truly Fred. Yker
Box 175 Bailiff

1891
Hamilton Sept 7th

My dear Patterson
As I intend taking a trip up in your neighbourhood in the course of a few days. I would like to find out if convenient to you whether there is any new comers fishing at the grove since I was there last in company with you the parties fishing at that time and also if the leases to the Grove have been issued

Hoping that you will be able to furnish the information without delay and thanking you for kindness also hoping that you and family are well I am

Yours etc
Ry Clerk P.M.

Box 170

1891
Hamilton Sept 11th

Friend Bishop
As I have received orders from the fishery Dept at Ottawa to collect all monies due for licenses at once I would deem a great favor if you could find your way clear to send me as soon as possible your fees for the Bass Boats. As I understand that you are fishing the Grove under the control of Mess Paterson & Clench hoping that you will attend to this matter without further delay.

I remain yours respt
Jared Kerr
Fishery Insp

Box 170

Mr Bailie & Bishop
Brantford

Hamilton Sept 14th 1889

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. for the sum of $15:00 Fifteen Dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this Amt. as follows for licenses for this current year. 1889.

1st Joseph Mercer Winona for a boat license to fish 5000 yds of Ele.ew Herring Gill Net in that portion of the Public Waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Townships of Grimsby & Saltfleet County of Wentworth The fee sent herewith $5.00

2nd Jas Jane Elliot Niagara for a Seine License already received by me for to fish in the Niagara River the said License calling for $15.00 I herewith send send Ten Dollars on account $10.00

Total Amt Sent $15.00

I also make application for a license for John Hand Grimsby for to fish 5000 yds of White fish Salmon Trout and Herring Gill net in that portion of the waters of Lake Ontario fronting the Townships of Grimsby & Saltfleet County of Wentworth the fee to be $5.00 To be collected when license is delivered

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above licenses

And would you be pleased to forward my former applications for licenses sent in on Aug 20th & 22nd as soon as possible all of which is respectfully submitted

To Deputy Minister Fisheries Sept Ottawa

I remain Sir Your obt Servant. Fred Glass M. P.

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D. L. Teal Redgeways

1884

Hamilton Sept. 21

Dear Sir

Yours of the 20th instant duly received
I beg to informe you that I consider it too early to send applications for license for the coming year. I would advise you to hold off until the end of the year then send on your applications to be considered and attended too I would not go to any expense in making preperation for fishing as I cannot give you any hopes whatever for a licence to fish at present In especialy Round Nets
I will be up at Redgeways in Course of a few days and will talk the matter over

Yours Truly

Hamilton Dept. 24th 1889.

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. for the sum of twenty five dollars $25.00

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount for licenses for this current year 1889. as follows.

1st Thos. Hand Binnore for a Boat license to fish 5000 yds of Salmon Trout & White fish & Cis-co Herring Gill Net in that portion of the Public Waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Townships of Saltfleet and Grimsby County of Wentworth the stipt. fee herewith sent $5.00

2nd John Ballan Niagara for a license to fish night lines for Sturgeon in the waters of the Niagara river the limits to be from Mcfarlane road to Longer farm fronting on the Township of Niagara the fee to be the sum of five dollars which is herewith sent $5.00

3rd Daniel Ingrome Burlington Beach for a license to fish 5000 yds of Herring Cis-co Gill net in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on lots 13 & 14. 19. Township of Saltfleet The license already received and delivered the fee herewith sent $10.00

4. Nares B. Goulds Burlington Beach for a license to fish opposite lots No 14 do do do do do $5.00

Total Amt Sent $25.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant Jnues Hand & Ballan the above named their licenses respectively

All of which is submitted with due respect

I remain Sir your Obedient Servant

Fred. Gower J. P.

The Secretary Treasurer Fishing Limits Ottawa

1889
Hamilton Sept 24th

Mitchell Bolton

Yours of the 20th duly received containing the sum of $5.00 which money I immediately sent on to the Fishery Dept at Ottawa. I may state that I wrote to the Dept some time ago with regard to the Seal license but as yet I have received no answer. but now as the money is gone down I expect that there will be no delay. They seem to be very busy down there at present its hard to get anything out of them. for the reason they are actively engaged in settling the Behering Sea Business but I think that in a short time your license will be on hand and when it arrives I will forward it without delay. I never received that money from that Fisherman from Orchard Beach which he promised me in a few days in your presence I know this much of the money is not forthcoming Shortly I will certainly cancell his license if you happen to come across him tell him I want the money at once or try and get his address and I will write them and oblige.

Yours Truly
Fred. Peters
for J. J.
Hamilton

John Bolton Esq
Insurance

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Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of
April 4th, and will have the
matter attended to at once.
Yours truly,

Agent Indian Affairs.

Hamilton September 28th 1889

Sir

Would you be pleased to forward me the Licenses that I made application for, namely - on the 31st of Augt 2nd 1st & 24th of September as soon as possible as some of the applicants have written to me in reference to the delay

And also be pleased to send me Blank Forms for my three month disbursements ending 31st Sept and oblige

All of which is submitted with due respect

I remain Sir your Obedient Servant
Fred. Kerr
L. O.
Hamilton

The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

Hamilton Post Office
Hamilton Oct 7 1889
Sir
I have been instructed by Postmaster General that your letter of Oct 1st addressed to this office has been referred to me for reply. In reply I beg to say that it is the practice of this office to issue licenses to Pedlars only upon the production of a certificate from the Chief of Police that the applicant is a fit and proper person to receive a license. You have not furnished us with any such certificate. We have therefore declined to issue a license to you. If you will procure such certificate from the Chief of Police we will issue a license to you upon the payment of the fee $5.00
Yours truly
Postmaster

September 9

Sept. 14 Joseph Mercer Boat fr. canal $5.00 Sent by Bank
" Mrs Jane Elliot- Seine " 10.00 Draft No. 393

Sept. 24 Thomas Hamel Boat " $5-00 Sent by Bank
" John Bolton night lines $5-00 Draft No. 419
" Danl. Megwone Boat licen $10.00 to the Deptons
" Mrs. B. Goulds Boat " 5.00 the 24 instants
Total Amt sent in the Month $40.00 September

Hamilton
B. M. Depts

Thad Kerr
Hamilton

Hamilton Oct 7 1889

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to send me as soon as possible your license fee $5:00 as I am ordered by the Fishery Dept — to collect all license monies due at once and also send the kind of nets length &c. &c. your are fishing with & oblige

Your Truly
Fred: Kerr
Fishery Inspector
Hamilton

Box 175

To Isaac Durham Esq
Gaunoka

Hamilton Oct 7 1889

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to send me as soon as possible your license fee $5:00. As I am ordered by the Fishery Dept to collect All monies due at once and also send me the number of nets and what kinds your are fishing & oblige hoping you are having good luck in your fish.

I remain yours
Truly
Fred Kerr
Fishery Inspector

Box 175

To Robert Bookley
Gaunoka

Hamilton Oct 1
1864

Dear Sir

Please open the
Observed to send me as soon
as possible your terms for
the Painting dept - To collect
all leaves remains due at
once and also send the line
of just length to 3 pair ove
Painting Neatly & to the
Your Friends
Signed: Mrs
Painting Dept
Hamilton

To Mrs
Please Direction
Yours

Hamilton Oct 1
1864

Dear Sir

Please open the
Observed to send me as soon
as possible your terms for
the Painting Dept - To collect
all leaves remains due at
once and also send the line
of just length to 3 pair ove
Painting Neatly & to the
Your Friends
Signed: Mrs
Painting Dept
Hamilton

To Robert Proctor
Yours

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1884

Hamilton Oct 7

Dear Sir Yours of the 3rd duly received. Williams has not made and applications for the grounds refer to and if you are willing take them I have no objection whatever provided you do me the same and that Williams was in habit paying I think it was $5.00 And if you agree to this please send me the description of limits &c

Yours Truly
J. H. Kerr
Fishery Inspector

Wm Emmett
Port Erie

Hamilton October 7th 1884

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. for the sum of twenty one dollars $21.00

Would you be pleased to apply this amount as follows for license for this current year 1884

1st To Robert Bishop Niagara for a license to fish 1000 yards of Salmon Trout Whitefish & Ciscoe & Herring Gill net with two Boats in that portion of the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Lincoln the stipulated fee herewith sent $10.00

2nd To John & Wm Inecracken Port Colborne for a license to fish 500 yards of Herring & Pickerel Gill net with one Boat in that portion of the Public waters of Lake Erie fronting on the County of Welland the stip.d fee herewith sent $5.00

3rd To Wm Daniel Beamsville for a Boat license to fish 200 yds of Herring Gill net in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Township of Clinton for his own use the fee sent $1.00

4th To Jas Jane & Eliot Niagara the Balance of their license fee herewith sent $5.00

Total Amt herewith sent $21.00

Would you be pleased send on Joseph Mercer Esq. whose money I sent by Bank Draft on the 14th Sept last

Also I would recommend that you please to grant the above licenses

I have the honor to be respectively Your most obedt Servant

Jas Gordon

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I have the honor to be respectively Your most obedt Servant

Jas Gordon

Hamilton, October 8th 1884

Sir

I beg leave to report for your information that on Thursday last, on a visit to the Fishing station Niagara I learned and was informed by the Fishermen residents residing there that a American Fishing Jug had came down from Buffalo and was fishing in Lake Ontario opposite to the Town of Niagara on the Mouth of the river very close to the Canada line or if not wholly within Canadian waters I therefore made strict enquiries and fully ascertained that it was the fishing Jug Lorraine of the city of Buffalo the same Boat that was illegally fishing at Point Abino Lake Erie last Summer whose nets I succeeded in seizing on the 20th July last which nets are claimed to owned by the said Boat in question. The Jug in question is at present stationed at Lewiston opposite Queenston Niagara River. She was spoken to by some of the fishermen on several occasions out in the Lake and they said that they might as well fish from fishing as in Lake Erie as they were not permitted to fish in Canadian water in Lake Erie and they damn the Inspector who had seized those nets. A few days after this John Bolton & Barthen observed them as they thought setting a net well in on Canadian waters about 1 or 2 miles out I instructed them to keep a sharp look which they

promise-ed to do and in the meantime I would write to the Fishery Department for instructions Would you be pleased to advise me as to what course I ought to pursue in this matter
I also beg to report that the Fishermen of Niagara are making big preparation to fish for Sturgeon with night lines I would recommend that each fishermen engaged in such fishing should be charge the fee from $2.00 to $5.00 for each license would you please give this report your earliest attention — — — —

All of which is submitted with due respect

To The Deputy Minister
Fishery Department
Ottawa

I remain Sir
your
Obed Servant
Fred. Kerr
F. O

Hamilton October 8th 1869

Sir

I beg leave to report for your information that on Friday last the 4th instant on a visit to the Niagara Fishing Station I learned and was informed that a american Fishing Tug had Came down from Buffalo and was or are fishing in Lake Ontario opposite to the Town of Niagara or fronting the mouth of the River very close to the Canadian line or if not wholly within Canadian waters. — —

I therefore made strict enquiries and fully ascertained that it was the American Tug. named the Loraine from the City of Buffalo the same Boat that was engaged in illegally fishing at Point Abino Lake Erie last summer part of whose nets I succeeded in seizing on the 24th July last. The nets taken at that time I understand are claimed to owned by the said Boat. — —

The Tug in question is at present Stationed at Lewiston opposite Queenston Heights Niagara River she has been spoken to by some of the Fishermen residents reliving at Niagara on several occasions out in the Lake and they informed them that they might as well leave fishing here as in Lake Erie as they were not permitted to fish in Canadian waters in that Lake and they damn the Inspector who had seized there nets — — —

A few days after this Conversation Mr. John Bolton & his Brother Charles observed them as they threw* setting a net well in on Canadian waters about 6 or 8 miles out. I instructed the

*threw E

The Bailiffs &c to keep a strict and close watch on them and to report to me which they promised to do. And in the meantime I would report to the Fishery Department and ask for instructions on the supposed encroachments Would you be pleased to advise me as to what course I ought to pursue in case those poachers are encroaching in on our waters — — —

I also beg to report that the Fishermen of Niagara are making very extensive preparations for the Sturgeon Fishery with night lines — I would recommend subject to your approval and Consideration that each and every Fisherman engaged in such fishery should be compelled to pay a license fee from two to five dollars each for the said privilege Would you be pleased to give me instruction in regard to the American encroachments and the Sturgeon Fishery respectively and to give it your earliest attention

All of which is submitted with due respect.

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Stark
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

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1884

Hamilton Oct 9th

Dear Sir Would you be pleased to send me the Balance of your ~~bater~~ license fee $2.50 as soon as possible. As I am instructed by the Fishery Dept at Ottawa to collect all arronies due at once and please inform Mickens or any others who are or intends to fish, that the money must be paid at once the Dept has become very strict in regard to the non payment of license fees and say in there letter to me that in future all license fees must be invariably paid in advance hoping that the Americans does bother you any more

Yours &c
Jas. Kerr
Fy

Grand Ferry

Hamilton
first of July The 30th September

August 30		Off from Niagara back to St Catherines thence to Port Dalhousie thence to Gordon calls Hotels Hands better Stage to the Royal Doyle Hotel no Ships Diner at Murray Rowe St Coll. 2/- big to the Dalhousie Bel. ve Boat to Gordon no Bags	1	4/6	2 7/-
		Total Amt for the month August	5	14 1	11 8/-
Sept	1	Down at Burlington Heights and Des Jardin Canal waiting for Anglers said to be Reading The Sabbath fishing many Comrs being sent one Declined send any H. B. & 2.5-0	+ 1	15-	2 5-0
"	8	Down at the Hamilton wharves & Boat Houses and at Burlington Beach looking after Sunday fishers Declined Catch any one H B 2,5-0 Diner at Dynes Hotel 2/6d	1	22	2 7/-
"	21	Down at B. Beach called at Belleview license no 9/6 Diner at Megaws & Sons Hotel Diner 2/-	1	16	2 2/-
"	30	Down to Desonora to see if anyone were fishing without License found Caught Thence to Burlington Beach and home H. Bis $2.5-0 Diner at Dynes Hotel 2/-d	1	22	2 7/6-
		Total Amt for the month Sept	4	6/-	10 2/-

Grand Total Amt 13 44 - $ 43 8/-

Grand Ferry

Year ending

Date		Time			
July	18	Off to Port Colborne & Merritton to look after Americans supposed to be fishing in Canadian waters & Bro's Reg. fare return $1.92½ Phone to Port Dalhousie Bf. H. & Rig & return to the Port [illegible] also 20c for Rig Boat Bond	1 Rig	9h	5⁻ 75⁻
"	19	Engaged a Steam Fuzee yacht from Port Prett proceeded down the Lake to Point Abino took the nets and then returned to Port Colborne paid L. Neff $8.00 for use of Tug paid B. Agustine $2.00 for acting Constable paid C. Mercer 50 cts for Carting nets to Station B. B. for one day $1.00	1 Tug	28	11 5⁻0
"	20	Off to Hamilton on a Mercⁿ with nets paid $1.00 for express charges Pd 5-0 cts Bringing nets from supply B. Breakfast at Mechanics 25 cts Dinner at Decr Hotel Hamilton 2[illegible] cts	1 Rig.	9h	2 5⁻0
"	24	Off to Burlington Beach to locate a fishing ground for John Hughes at his request recᵈ license fee by cash H. Rig $2.00	1 H B	9h	2 00
		Total Amt for the month July	4	21h 9h	21 75⁻
August	20	Down at Burlington Beach on complaints recᵈ of fishermen infringing on each others which was fixed H. B. dues $2.25	1	20	2 25⁻
25⁻	Down at B. Beach on reports recᵈ of fishermen lifting and fishing nets on the Sabbath did not observe any H. Rig 2.00	1	15⁻	2 00
"	28	Down at B. Beach receiving names of fishermen who required licenses for this current year H. Rig 2.00 dinner at Tynes Hotel 25⁻ cts	1	18	2 25⁻
29	Off to Niagara via St Catherines Collecting & Ascertaining who were fishing without licenses & Rig fare return fare $1.70 Bus 15 cts dinner at Murray Hotel 25⁻ cts stage to Niagara 50 cts Coll $1.50 cts	1	40	2 60

Hamilton October 11th 1889

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith for your Consideration and approval my Account and expenditure incurred by me during my active duties in this Division for the Quarter ending the 30th of September 1889 Amounting $43.85-

Add Voucher Rec'd. Herr Postages 1.00

Total Amount $44.85-

I beg to state that I have travelled some 440 miles in this quarter just ending the most of the expense incurred was when engaged in seizing the American Nets. I finding great difficulty in securing assistance both in men and a Boat they being very reluctant to assist through fear of Injury by spite or retaliation yet but I believe that the one Seizure made has put a stop to the poachers for this season at any rate. And Mr. J. Neff the proprietor of Steam Yacht has promised to assist me with his Boat at any time if required which is very encouraging to me after the trouble I had in starting them before Hoping this Account is Satisfactory

All of which is respectively submitted for your Consideration and approval

To The deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Herr
Fishery Overseer

Hamilton Oct 10 1889

Police Notices Issued
Apr. Warrants Issued
Apr. Warrants Withdrawn
Fire Alarms
Wm. D. Watt Bricklayer
Robert Bishop Grocer
P. & Wm. Hamot P. Labourer
Chester Goodsworth Baggageman
Geo. H. Forester Journalist
Peter Watt P. Dalhousie
Robert McCanna Mc Watt

Dear Sir

1889
Hamilton Oct 18

Your card duly rec
and I... you can prove that
the actual Boys cut your
nets Maliciously and intentionly
you should prosecute them
but you must guide your-
self with the circumstances of
the case you want to be sure
of your action before proceed-
ing against them for interfer-
ing & destroying your property
the Law is in your own hands
I will be down early next week
if possible why Cant you people
live in harmony & peace

Peter Watt
Port Dalhousie

Yours Truly
Fred. J. Lees
J. P.

(65)

Hamilton Oct 14th 1884

Sir

In reference to the Communication received by me from the Dept in regard to certain original letters written by Inspector McCuaig letter Books marked B. supposed to be here. I beg to state that I have made thorough search but so far am unable to find them but I find in my late Father Letter Books of the year 1881 the copies of the said letters that are quoted I also went to Mr Waddell who was a counsel in the Law suit where this papers was needed had him make a search but no better result he told me that he did not remember anything about them as the Law suit was Settled before going into to the case. There is a copy of a letter written by my Father to the Hon. Adam Brooks where he informs him of receiving the letters by the Dept immediately and my opinion from this is that he must of sent them back I have some knowledge of seeing the Books myself at the time but do not remember what he done with it would the copies of the letters be any use to you if so please let me know and I will forward at once officially before to Father officially

I remain Sir Yours respectfully

J. M Bennett Esq
Fishery
Ottawa

Gerald E. Kirwan
Jr

[illegible]

[illegible] Committee Prof. Ingram

Dear Sir

In reference to the Committee meeting held on 4 June the Chairman requested me to write and inform Professor Theodore Lewis Butler that the Committee would be pleased if he would kindly undertake the course of lectures on Medieval Architecture during the Michaelmas Term. I am sorry that I was not present at the meeting myself but I was unable to attend them but I am in any case writing to Butler this week and I will let you know what he says.

Yours sincerely

[illegible]

Secretary

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

(80)

Richard Gilbert
Jordon

Hamilton Oct 16

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased
to send me your Boat licens
fee at once 5.00 as the Fisheries
Dept at Ott[illegible] monies due a
[illegible] called at your house i
your absence the last time I
down that way I wish to have a
a Talk with you I also wrote
you some time ago and as it
strange to me that never answe
ed the letter the next time I co
down I will make you a visit
I noticed as I was passing a
Couple of Dip nets opposite to
Elliot fishing shanty Please
warn them if the dont remove
them the will get into trouble

Yours Truly
Jno. Gilbert Jordon

John Bolton Esq
Burgess

1884

Hamilton Oct 14. 14

Friend Bolton

The Fisheries Dept
at Ottawa [illegible] for each & every
person engaged in fishing
right lines. Would you
be pleased to send me private
by the names of all parties
engaged in such Fishery so
when I go down I will know
where to look for them all must
pay. did you receive your lic
ense alright I mailed it
some time ago is there anerie
fog still fishing or have yo
had a conversation with the
Please answer with return
mail &- Oblige Hoping that I
and family are well

Yours Truly

Yours faithfully
Trustees

Hamilton Oct 12

Dear Sir Would you be please
to have me your Next Issue
by return: as Directors
Dept. [illegible] all monies due on
Acc. of called at your Issue
share above the last time I
Share Certificate Nos 3 and 4
for 50 shares each dated
[illegible] 1882 which
Certificates I delivered
to the Secretary
of the Company
Hamilton
Ont.

John Mullin Esq
Secretary

Hamilton Oct 12th 1882

Dear Sir
Would you please
Dept. as early as possible
Share Certificate Nos 3 and 4
for 50 shares each dated
[illegible] 1882 which
Certificates I delivered
to the Secretary
of the Company
Hamilton
Ont.

Hamilton Oct 18 1889

A description of Fishing Stations from the line between Head & Grey to the Canal Reserve Burlington Beach

1st/ John Harpal Lot No 800 ft from a stake put down opposite Oak tree about 50 yards north of Tibbock house to a stake 800 further north to nearly opposite to the Post Office

2 Robert Webster Lot 14. 800 from the Post office 800 ft to a stake placed to nearly opposite the Minister House

Daniel Megwine lots Nos 1. 2 from the stake near the Minister House on 200 feet to opposite Mr Counsell House

John Hughes Lot No 20 from opposite Mr Counsell House 800 to each Come to a stake placed about 50 yds North of Mr Galbraith on the Old Sherbina place

Moses Tibbock lots No 21. 22 from the old Sherbina place to what is called the Canal Reserve

Signed
Head Gr
Ry. 0

Hamilton October 18th 1889

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No ~~415~~ 491 for the sum of twenty nine $29.00

Would you be pleased to apply this amount for licenses for this current year 1889 as follows

1st/ Robert Book Beamsh for a Boat license to fish 4000 yds of Sturgeon fishing Gill net in that portion of the Public waters of Lake Ontario fronting on lots Nos 20 & 21 Township of Clinton County of Lincoln the Stipendiary Superintendent $5.00

2nd/ David Gilchrist Burlington Beach for a seine license to fish on lot No 4. This license already received by me and delivered 5.00

3rd/ Wm Prince Defreestville Fishing Lot No 11. $5.00

4th/ J. A. Corey " " " Lot No 15 $5.00

5th/ Robert Webster " " " " " 14 $5.00

6th Moses Niblock " " " 20 & 22 $4.00

Total Amount herewith sent $29.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant Wm Robert Book his license for this current year

All of which is submitted with due respect

I remain to your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Kerr
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton

To the Deputy Minister
Fisheries Department
Ottawa

602 . 2

Hamilton Oct. 22. 1

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased
to forward me ~~the~~ per Boat by
~~Leg~~ 5th Sept at Ottawa
& collect all monies due at once
Please Govern yourself Accord-
And dont fail to send it

Yours Truly
Gerad Ste
Grocery Profe
Hamilton

Decond Sept
Ottawa

Hamilton October 22nd 1869

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No 499 for the sum of twenty five dollars $25.00

You will you be pleased to apply it as Amount as follows -

1st Richard Gilbert Jordon for a Boat Licence to fish 5000 Yards White fish Salmon Trout & Herring Gill net in that portion of the Public waters of Lake Ontario fronting the Township of South County of Lincoln the fee - $15.00

2. John Hand Grimsby for a Boat Licence already received by me & Delivered - - - - - $5.00

I also send you herewith the sum of Fifteen dollars received from Johnathan Corey Burlington Beach which sum is for Gill nets belonging to the Dept. I having seized and confiscated the nets last summer at Point Abino Lake Erie being fished illegally by American Fishermen Mr Corey Purchasing the same - $15.00

2nd Boat Licence Department - $25.00

I recommend that you be pleased to grant Mr Gilbert his Boat Licence the same as last year

All of which is submitted with deference

To The Deputy Minister, Fishery Dept Ottawa

I remain Your Obedient servant Your Hon. Obt Servt Hamilton

1799

Dear Sir Hamilton Oct 28th

Dear Sir Yesterday we
Rec'd Your Letter of the 24th Instant
Duly received Contents Noted
Lieut [illegible] Left
[illegible] not receiving
[illegible] in the Pilot Boat
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

they
but Keep very shy of our
[illegible] some of our Fishermen
but [illegible] after they
were [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
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Hamilton Oct 23 1849

Dear Sir

In looking over
Book I find the Lots of Lands
Cmencing from the Junction
Wharf to the Black Horse Gal
oon and Steamboat Limits
are supposed from the above Gaveron
To the Half Moon Battery
And Bolton is from Mr Jarlan
e road to Longs Farm
You had better see Shepherd
and ask him if he has any objec
tion to me leasing you a limits
on his grounds interfering in
no way with his Bowling Ground
and please let me Know
the result of your visits and
I then know what Action I will
be able to take in the matte
Richard Taylor Jones Esqr
Present

Dear Sir

Hamilton Oct 29
1823

Dear Sir

I have been favored with your letter of the 14th Inst. and am pleased to learn that you have commenced the publication of your Work. I have no doubt but it will be well received by the Public, and that you will be amply remunerated for your labour and expence. I am sorry that I cannot assist you in procuring Subscribers in this Neighbourhood. The Gentlemen of Hamilton are generally poor, and the Farmers in the Country around are not much better off. Many of them are in debt, and have to struggle hard to pay the interest of their Mortgages. Under these circumstances I fear that you will not obtain many Subscribers in this quarter. I am sorry that I cannot assist you in procuring Subscribers in this Neighbourhood. The Gentlemen of Hamilton are generally poor, and the Farmers in the Country around are not much better off. Many of them are in debt, and have to struggle hard to pay the interest of their Mortgages. Under these circumstances I fear that you will not obtain many Subscribers in this quarter.

Hamilton, October, 29th 1889

Sir

I beg to report for your information that Peter Grath an Fisherman living at Port Dalhousie complains to me that Peter Fraser a neighbouring Fisherman had a few days ago maliciously and intentionally cut the nets which were set out about six miles from Port Dalhousie Lake Ontario. He found out it and his nets were across his and he had no other boat but to cut them so as able him to raise up his own I might say that these Fishermen are always indespute with each other and Grath in this case insists that I should have the matter investigated and prosecuted at once in the name of the Sheriff Dept which I refused doing informing him that the Law was in his own hands and told him to seek legal advice in the matter which he did through Judge Lewis St Catherines who gave him the same opinion that I had but Grath insists that I left were the right parties to prosecute the said Peter Fraser both there licenses Cds for the west end of Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Lincoln and I think the Lake is large enough for both without setting over each other and causing such unseemly dispute Mr Lewis advises one to write to Dept for advice and instructions as to what course should pursue in the matter

All of which is respectfully submitted

I remain Sir Your Obedient Servt Frank Geer

Inspector Fisheries

Hamilton October 31st 1889

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith — Bank Draft On — for the Sum of Thirty Dollars $30.00 — — — — —

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount as follows for Licenses for this current year 1889 — — — — —

1st Co. William Everett International Bridge Township of Bertie for a License to fish one Seine 250 yards long in the waters of the Niagara River between the International Bridge and Fac Kup. Everett Wier the fee sent herewith $5.00

2nd Messrs Woodman & Campbell Burlington Beach for a License to fish 200 yds of Herring Gill net in that portion of the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on as what is known as the Burlington Canal Reserve on the North & South side of the Burlington Piers for to fish for their own use and not for sale or Barter fee sent $1.00

3rd 1st David Tyson Beamsville for a Boat license to fish 4000 Yards of Herring & ciscos Gill nets in that portion of the Waters of Lake Ontario fronting Lots No 16.17.18 Township of Clinton County of Lincoln the slip & fee sent — — $5.00

4th 1st John Jaffe Burlington Beach for a license Already received & Delivered fee sent — — $5.00

5th 1st John Hazzal " " " " $5.00

6th 1st Richard Jaffe " " " " $5.00

7th 1st Charles Jaffe " " " " $4.00

Total Cent Herewith sent $30.00

I beg to state in respect to Mr Wm Everett he applys for the same fishing ground each year by Frank Williams last season the said

-last

Said Frank Williams declining to take out
his License this year
And in reference to the application of Messrs
Woodman & Campbell. Mr Woodman being Bridge Tender at the Canal and Captain Campbell
the well known Light House Keeper at the same
place, These Gentlemen beg most respectively to
apply to you for the sole privilege of catching a few Herring for their own use on the
above limits
The Shore Herring at Burlington Beach this season has been very numerous and plentiful and
of good size some of the Fishermen bringing
in splendid hauls and all seemed pleased and
contented for the good run of fish, which I
consider a God send to them as they done very
little in the fishing line the last summer
I would recommend that you be pleased
to grant the above licenses
All of which is submitted with due respect

To The Deputy Minister, I am sir your
Fisheries Dept Obedient Servant
Ottawa Jas Grey
Fishery Overseer

Oct. 7th	Robert Bishop	License	$ 1	00	Sent by Bank
"	J. & Wm. McCracken	"		00	Draft No 46
"	Mrs Jane Elliot	"		00	to the Dept for
	Wm. Sewell	"		00	the Sum of
					$2.00 on the
					7th of Oct
Oct 18th	Robert Brook	"		00	Sent by Bank
"	David Filch	"		00	Draft No 490
"	Wm Prince Depew	"		00	to the Dept for
"	H. M. Corey	"		00	the sum of
"	Robert Webster	"		00	$2 9.00 on the
"	Moses Bullock	"		00	18th
					Sent by Bank
22nd	Richard Gillis	"			on Draft No 490 to-
"	John Hamel	"		00	the Dept for the sum
"	Johnathan Corey for	Nets Convivcalt		00	of 25.00 on the 22nd
31st	Wm Everett	License		00	Sent by Bank
"	David Tyson	"		00	Draft No 5-2
"	John Jaffe	"		00	to the Dept for
"	John Hazzal	"		00	the sum of
"	Chas Jaffe	"		00	$3 6.00 on the
"	Richard Jaffe	"		00	31st of October
"	Goodman & Campbell	"		00	
Total Amt sent in the Month of Oct			$	00	

Richd. Ulster

Hamilton Nov. 1 9

1889
Hamilton Oct 31

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to send me the sum of $30-00 as soon as possible as I am ordered by the Fishery Dept - at Ottawa to collect all monies due at once do not fail and oblige

Yours respt
Fredk Kerr
Fishery Inspector
Box 176 Hamilton

To Philip Guilford Esq
Beamsville

1889
Hamilton Oct 31st

Dear Sir

Your letter duly received and carefully noted I see by the [illegible] are trying to impose upon you I am so pressed for time at present that I cannot meet you until the middle of next week I will telegraph the day before I start so you will be able to meet me at Clifton

With Kind regards & respects
Yours truly
Fredk Kerr
Fishery Overseer

Mr Jos Gabriel
Queenston

1882
Hannibal Oct 31st

Dear Sir

Please see that the Balance of Account due me from the Estate of Thomas Jefferson deceased be paid to me at once. Should there be any delay in the matter please inform me by return mail.

Yours Respectfully
Thomas Mann Randolph
Executor of Thomas Jefferson deceased

1882
Hannibal Oct 31st

Dear Sir

Your letter duly received. Nothing of importance has transpired since I wrote you last. I am hoping to finish up the business of the Estate in a few days. I cannot say exactly when I will be ready to settle with you. I will write you as soon as I am able to do so.

With kind regards I remain
Yours Truly
Respectfully Yours
Thomas Mann Randolph
Executor

Hamilton November 2nd 1889

Sir

I have the honor to make the usual applic
ation in behalf of certain residents of Ham
ilton and others residents living in the Neighbourhood
of Burlington Bay for the usual permission and
Privilege of Spearing Herring Pike & Bass in
the open waters of Burlington Bay and Dundas
Marsh.

Spearing to Commence for Herring by Jacks Light
on the 15th of November until the 1st of December
next and for Pike and Bass from the formation
of the ice until to the 1st day of April 1890 at the
usual rate of one dollar for Pike Privilege
and no spearing be allowed in the inlets &c.

I would recommend that the application
be granted subject to your approval and
Consideration

All of which is submitted with
due respect

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred Herr
Ferry Overseer
Hamilton

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

Fred.k Kerr
Hamilton
the first

the 31st of October 89

Oct 3 Off to Port Colborne Ridgeway &
Port Erie to collect all monies due
for Licenses &c Received 5.00 from Mr
Crucken Bro.r and arrange with Com.r
Veath at Port Erie for seeing Provost
My fare to Port Colborne 1.50 Port Colborne
82.00 for Reg.r to Ridgeway Pd Provost 5
50 cts for Reg.r to Point Abino My fare
to Port Erie from Ridgeway 35 cts
Dinner & Supper 60 cts

4 Off from Port Erie to Niagara thence
to St. Catherins by fare to Nia 90 cts
Nia to St Catherines My fare 75 cts Beds
and Bath at Pein Hotel Port Erie 50 cts meals
at Doyles Hotel Nia 50 cts Bus 15 Coll 15.00

5 Off from St Catherines to Beams-
ville coll 16.00 and noted sd others Pd Rod
Jesse 2.00 for N.B Pd 75 cts for B and
two meals Bed 1.0 at murrays Home St Catherines
50 cts Stage fare Homer to Beamsville 55 cts

7 Down at Burlington Beach looking
after the Fisheries Generally My own N.B

14 Down at Burlington Beach Collecting
received 16.00 My own N.B Diner

16 down at Pt Beach selling & Depositing
Collection J Mcgwire & Hughes in
Ridgeway Line. 16 B 12.00

21 Down at St Catherines Port Dalhousie
Collection Coll 5.00 Pd Rodgers 2.00
for N.B My fare 2.00 to Niagara at Murrays 50 cts

Oct

		1 NB 69	5 15
		1 50	2 80
		1 NB 40	3 85
		1 16 NB	2 25
		1 NB 16	2 25
		1 NB 16	2 00
		1 50	4 55
		11 92	25 20

Yrs[d] Very
Hamilton
Pre first

The 31[st] of October 49

7 261 22 85

Oct 26 off to St Catherins and Niagara on a Pass and on Information Received in reference to fishing on Sunday said to be carried on By Some to St Catherens 1,170 Lines Sup Boo at Murray House 75 cts . 1 Gy: 80 2 50

27 Started for Niagara at 3 o'clock in the morning but did not succeed in Catching any one running Hard Pd Rodgers of[t] Gleanbrae $2.00 for H.B. Pd 75 cts at Doyles Hotel Niag: for Racing Horse & Diner for two Sinners at Murray House 20 Cath. 25 cts Then Home 1 Gy. H.B. 40 3 15

29 Down at Burlington Beech Collecting Received $10.00 for Licenses fees By Sun H.B. 1 16 2 00

Total Amount 34 7 30 5-0

Yrs[d] Very
Hamilton

Hamilton November 2nd 1879

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith for your consideration and approval my account of expenditure incurred by me during my duties in this Division for the month ending 1st of October 1879 Amounting to $30.50

Add Voucher No 1 Fred'k Kerr for postage 50¢

Total Amount 31.00

I beg to state that I travelled one 344 miles in past month mostly collecting licenses fees the monies Collection Amounted to $10.00 which I forwarded to the Dept

All of which is respectfully submitted

I remain Your
Obedt servant
Fred'k Kerr
Fishery Overseer

To The Deputy Minister
of Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

Dear Sir

I am directed by the Minister of Marine & Fisheries to transmit herewith for your information a copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 31st ultimo, having reference to the subject of the Fishery Overseer's Office at Hamilton, and to request that you will be good enough to bring the matter under the notice of the Council at the next meeting of the Board of Trade of that city.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Deputy Minister

Hamilton Nov 6 1884

My Dear Allan I wish that you would be able to see your way Clear and send me your license fee as soon as possible The Dept at Ottawa are continually harping at me to collect all monies due at once and forward the same to them. And as you and another party are the only ones now in arrears I would deem it a great favor if you would try and send it to me without further delay Hoping that you are enjoying good health

Yours Truly
Fred: Gates
Fishery Inspector
Hamilton

Robert Allen
Niagara

Hamilton Nov 5th 1884

Dear Sir Yours of the 4th inst. duly to hand and contents noted. I am sorry that you have not been able to make a remittance before this as I have been anxiously waiting for it. I have written you several times and have also called on you personally. I must insist on your remitting me the amount at once as I am instructed by the Department to collect all outstanding accounts. Hoping to hear from you by return mail

Yours truly
Fred: Gates
Fishery Inspector

Robert Allen Esq
Niagara

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Copy.

Ottawa 1st November 1879

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29. Ultimo.. respecting differences and disputes occurring between Peter Nash and Patericks Hand. fisherman in your division and in reply to enform you that this Department does not interfere in personal Quarells between private Citizen

In cases of fishermen being injured and suffering loss through the malicious action of others in cutting their nets &c &c they must look for redress to Common Law

I am &
Your Obedient Servant
D.F. Buset
Asst Depty Min of Fisheries

Wm Fred Kerr
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton Ont

Dear Sir

Hamilton Ont. 1879 Nov. 8th

Canal Office

Your Canal clerk received your letter of the 6th inst informing me that complaint had been made to you by Peter Nash of Burlington Beach that I had allowed some one to fish with a seine net in the Canal basin contrary to your instructions and requesting me to prevent any one from fishing in the Canal basin. I have to state in reply that I have given no such instructions and that I consider the Canal as much mine as Peter Nash's and that I shall allow any one to fish in the Canal basin that I please. Please inform Peter Nash that this is the Canal and not his private property and that I shall allow any one to fish in the Canal basin that I please.

Yours Respectfully
Wm Fred Kerr
Fishery Overseer

214 215

Hamilton Nov 8th 1889

My Dear Sir

Would you kindly inform who was the complainant in the case of Leonard & George Clinks who were fined on the 2nd inst June last and sent me half the fine also the nature of the offense the Amt of Costs in Clinks and in Jacob Millenbocks case of 4th June last you must pardon me for troubling you but as I am making out my statement of fines &c &c for the year you would greatly assist & oblige me by sending me the records of the two cases by return mail

Yours respectfully
Fishery Inspector
Hamilton

Hamilton Nov 12 1889

Dear Sir

Would you kindly
o the following points in regard to
White fish

1st What was the Average size
of the white caught by you thro
out the season

2nd Do you think the fishing
are improving or otherwise

3rd are the Breed of white fish
keeping small or are large fish
been caught by you

5th What size Gill net were
you fishing

The Minister of Fisheries wishes
to ascertain these points as soon
as possible & you to oblige
me very much by answering them
by return Mail

Yours Respectfully
Fishery Inspector
Hamilton

Hamilton. November 11th 1889

Sir

I beg to report for your information that in reference to the Sturgeon Fishery Carried on by our Fishermen with Night-lines at the Fishing Station Niagara. I find that all those engaged in such Fisheries are with a few exceptions fishing in American Waters from off the mouth of the Niagara River in the waters of Lake Ontario The fish are landed at Niagara properly cleaned and dressed and shipped to the City of Buffalo and there Sold at 5½ cents ℔ lbs — — —
So in this case I am at loss to know whether I should be able to charge them a license fee or not. I beg to ask you for some information on this point The Fishery is a very valuable one and in opinion if possible the Dept should derive some benefit from it
The American Fishing Jug Service is still stationed at Youngstown N.Y. but I observe fishes well in on American waters only setting once in Canadian water and that about a week ago. I believe they got wind that I was watching for them I do not expect any more trouble from them

All of which is Submitted with due respect for your consideration

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

I remain Sir Your
Obedient Servant
Jas. Fer
Fishery Overseer

Hamilton November 12th 1889

Sir

I beg to report for your information that I have just received this morning reliable information of good authority. That James Clark fish Dealer Wiarton and a fish Dealer named Mc Bleed of Southampton Lake Huron are shipping fresh White fish and Salmon Trout to Buffalo by the Car load said to be caught in Close Season the fish pass through here on the Grand Trunk Railway by the Midnight Trains

I may say that I have kept a close watch on our Hamilton fish markets and so far I have not observe any White fish or Salmon Trout exposed for sale

All of which respectfully submitted for your Consideration & attention

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Kerr
Fishery Overseer

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Marseilles November 14th 1899

I Send Herewith the following Statement
of Fines Imposed upon Persons engaged
in the Violation of the Fishery Act

Total $7.70
do 1 do 10 do 1 do 2.50
Total $ 4.10 Fine
$11.90

Yours Resp.
Fishery Overseer
Marseilles

Marseilles Nov. 14th 1899

I Send this day to the Fishery Department
the following Statement of Fines imposed
for the Contravention of the Fishery Act
1st Jacob Mellenbrucker Cayuga Co fined $1.00 & $2.70 Costs on the 4th May Plead Total $3.70
2 George Clink fined $1.00 & $3.10 costs on the 26th
" Jesse Paine " " " $4.10
Leonard Clink fined $1.00 & 3.10 Costs do. $4.10
Total Amt $11.90

All were brought before A A Davis J.P. Oyer
Simon Glaser
Fish O

Hamilton November 15th

Sir

I have the honor to report thereon as to the questions set down in your circular of the 4th Ultimo in connection to deve. of fisheries in reference to the White fish in this division are as follows

1st In answer to the first point all gill nets in use in this Fishery in my Division are of 5 inches extension measure

2d The Average size of the white fish caught this season is about 4 lbs about the same Average size usually found for a number of years back there does not seem any difference in this respect that I have noticed and from informal lists received from various fishermen engaged in fishing

3rd In respect to that of the Fishery whether increasing or otherwise I beg to state that in my opinion it is invariably decreasing in numbers and quantities all over my Division both in Lake Ontario and Erie.

4th Burlington Beach at present White fish are very seldom found either with seines or gill nets where a few years ago they were considered plenty the same at Niagara and at those places in years gone by where frequented largely with White Fish at certain times and seasons of the year and now at the same time, seasons and fishing ground they very seldom appear and if they do come in a short period and are in number

5th Gill net Fishery the John Hand of [illegible] is a fisherman who makes Pays [illegible]

Kind of Fishing a speciality. He says the White fish are much scarcer and harder to get them last year and is yearly decreasing and it almost impossible to find there feeding grounds. He also says he caught several Trout but considers them few and far between they all tell me that they have tried all the old fishing grounds where they could be four years ago but with very little success I might here that Mr Hand has succeeded in catching a number of Salmon Trout on the old White fishing grounds during the past season that average between 6 or 7. lbs this fish I notice is increasing a number being caught so I am informed at Barrie which I consider quite a rarity as I was not aware of a single fish of that species being caught there last year — — — —

No White fish of any account has been caught in south part of my Division on Lake Erie that is Port Erie Point Abino Port Burwell and Moulton Bay a few were caught in the Spring of the average size especially at Moulton Bay — —

4th I regard to the White fish keeping small or large ones found I do not think that there is any difference in that respect to what there was twenty years ago as to there size — —

I might say in conclusion that there is a general opinion prevailing among the majority of the fishermen on Lake Ontario in this Division a opinion I can not yet fathom that the Cisco Herring are the means of driving and crowding off the Lake fish from there feeding grounds they have no doubt taken possession of a number of the old White fish grounds on the White

White fish were formerly caught. And as the Ciscoes increased the White fish decreased. There may be some truth in this inference because places vacated by White fish are soon occupied by Ciscoes not known to exist there at that time. But as soon as they made their appearance in great thousands the White fish in the proportion of salty. Habitualy the Ciscoes and White fish live and exist on the same principle of food. They are very much alike in appearance and in construction

And a another point I might allude to from us. to the means adopted by the Dept. to increase the White Fish by. Hatching and distributing their Fry I think that if the Officers of the various Fish Hatcheries would exercise and display a little Judgment and forethought in selecting proper localities for distributing and planting the White Fish Fry especiously it might show better results, for my opinion is that the Fry should be disposited in places where the Genuine fish has been usually in the habits of spawning &c. That is to say at Grimsby Vermont &c. where these fish frequent and were caught at one time in thousands in fall of the year near close season. And deposit the fry at the near a river or places where the waters are swarming with ravenous fish such as Perch. Pickerel &c which would gobble and destroy of a consignment of Fry in short time

All of which is submitted with due respect

To the superintendent of Fisheries Ottawa

I remain Sir your Obedient Servant

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Hamilton Nov.r 19.th 1889

Sir

Would you be pleased to send on the license that application was made for in my letter of the 31st of October last in the name of Howe Everett International Bridge Davis Jewett Rosamond ville and Messrs Woodman & Carlin Carlington Beach whose respective licenses I have forwarded by me to the Geishey Deputy Bank Draft for $5-23 on the above date

All of which is respectively submitted

I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred Derr
Fishery Overseer

To the Agent Crown Lands
Cleveland

Dear Sir.

Your favour of the 18th Inst. received I have submitted the same to the Minister of Crown Lands and in reply would say that a license will be issued to every bona fide settler who may apply for one, but that the Department does not intend to grant any special privileges to any person or persons. There will be no exclusive rights granted to any one person, but all will be treated alike. The Government does not intend to sell any of the islands in the Lake of the Woods, but will lease them for a term of years at a low rental. The Government will be glad to receive any suggestions you may have to offer in connection with the matter, and will be pleased to have you visit Toronto during the session as the Department would like to see you. Your letter will be laid before the Minister of Crown Lands.

Yours truly
Secretary

Hamilton Nov. 30th 1889

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No for the sum of Thirty three Dollars $33.00

Would you be pleased to apply this amount as follows.

1st Alex Bolla Burlington Beach for Boat License already received & delivered for to fishing the Waters of Lake Ontario and on Tot. No. fee $5.00

2nd Chas. Bolla $5.00

3rd George Corey $5.00

4 Jonathan Corey $5.00

5 Philip Safford Beamsville for a Boat-License to fish 4000 yds of Herring Gill Net in that portion of the Public waters of Lake Ontario fronting the Township of Clinton in the County of Lincoln the fee sent herewith .. $3.00

6th Wm Rasberry Flamboro for a license to spear Herring Pike & Bass in the open Waters of Burlington Bay from the 15th nov. 1889 until the 1st day of April 1890 the fee herewith sent $1.00

7. Wm. Rasberry. Flamboro $1.00

I also send you herewith the sum of six dollars received from John Hughs Burlington Beach being for confiscated nets belonging to the Dept the nets being seized by one last Spring in Burlington part of them I deposed to Hughes some time ago before the Inspector Caresent to destroy all nets seized in future $6.00

Total Amount sent $33.00

I recommend that you be pleased to grant the above licenses for the current year 1889 .. ..

All of which is submitted with due respect.

I remain Sir Your Obt Servant

Fred. Gee
C. O.

The Honble Minister
Dept. Ottawa.

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Hamilton Nov 24th 1889

Friend Bolton

Would you kindly let me know if you have seen or heard from Wagner in regard to his arrears in his license I wish you could find out what he intends to do in reference to the matter if he intends to haul there this fall. I find it impossible to enact any fees from those who are fishing sturgeon in American Waters. I am thinking of taking a trip to Ottawa soon. And would like to hear from you before I go. I would have called on you that Sunday I was down but was afraid of casting suspicions upon the reference to there fishing on Sunday they were very indegrent at the idea of me suspecting them of such things and wanted to know who was my informant I think if they I would have to some one of hope they have not repeated the offence they continue to do so I will have to make a examble of them as the dept are getting very strict in reference to Sunday fishing and on all other things in General they are keeping me a hopping

Hoping that you are in good health

I remain yours
Very Truly
H. Kerr
Fishery Inspector
Hamilton

Mr. J. Bolton
Burlington

Penna

Hannibal Dec 23 1864

Dear Uncle

Would you like to hear some news of your Nevada son
& his doings in this Country?
Well you would have heard from me before now
but I have been waiting to be in a position to write
you a long letter. I have at length got
my affairs in order & am now ready to
write. This will be a long letter so
you will have plenty to read. I have
been very busy since I arrived here
in December 1863. You will
see by the date of my letter that I
have been in Missouri 12 months
& I have not received the slightest
encouragement to induce me to
remain in the State. I have
therefore determined to try my
fortune in Kansas. I have
been very independent of late
as I have had plenty of work
to do & have been receiving
good wages. I have had
my own horse & buggy
& have been driving
about the country
a good deal. I
have also been
attending to
a claim which
I have taken
up. I would
have written
you before but
I was waiting
to hear from
Nevada. I
have also been
waiting to
hear from
Pennsylvania
as I wished
to know
whether
you were
coming
out
here

725

Private

Hamilton Nov. 24 1887

Dear Sir

I understand that Mr Peter Watts is about bringing an Action against you for interfering and not allowing him space in the Lake in order to grapple for his lost nets. I would advise you as a Friend to remove your nets one way or the other a Some distance so as to allow him to look for his nets. As I can assure you it will save you a great deal of Trouble & expense to keep out of the Courts. You are aware what these things Costs if it gets once in the Lawyers hands. Do please move your nets at once If your are in Hamilton on Saturday I would like to see you

P. Hand

Yours Truly
Jos. Oates
J. Nelson Yeo
Per S. Dalton

Hamilton Nov. 24. 16

Thos. Dalton

I wrote to you on the 6th Ultimo in reference to your arrears in license fee and as yet received no [illegible] I will get you soon as possible when you will be able to send it as it is about time I am closing my Books for the year but I would wait a little if I knew the money was forthcoming. If the money is not paid soon I am afraid your Chances for a license next year will be small

Yours truly
Robert J. Ellis
Inspector

Yours truly
Field Yeo
Fishery Inspector

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Humble Mar. 24
1838

Dear Sir

I received Your Letter
Relative to about Bringing on
Cotton Exported upon the Indepen-
dent and Mustang from Aransas
to the Ports in order to Explain
for this Last Vessel, I would advise
you to Ship it Consigned Your
Self or Agent to Some Port
Where we may or the other Adven-
turers Do so to Collect Him Re-
turn for this Net. As Soon Cotton
as it will Come upon a Speculation
Should ordered I Shipped it
the South. There are Some Indeb
Two Hundred Dollars in Cash over in
the Treasury Should Do Please Some
Your Self others If upon we in
Consulting or Returning Should Like

Yours Truly
Robert J. Miller
Thos. Toon

Humble Mar. 24th
1838

Dear Sir

I received Your Letter
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				Sent by Bank
Nov:		John Hughes	Sale of Corn nets	$6 00 Draft Nov. 81
"	5th	Philip Safford	Boat license	5 00 to the Fishery
"	17th	William Rasberry	Spearing licenses	1 00 Dept on the 30
"	"	Mr. Rasberry	"	1 00 of Nov. for the
	25	Johnathan Corey	Boat license	5 00 Sum of $33.00
"		George Corey	"	5 00
29th		Alex. Bolla	"	5 00
		Chas. Bolla	"	5 00

Total Amount sent in the month $33 00 of November 1884

Hamilton Nov 30 9

Fred: Kerr
Hamilton

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727

Hamilton Dec: 2.nd 1889

Sir

I beg to report for your information
That on the 29.th instant I proceeded to the
Town of Gordon County of Lincoln on in-
mation received that a party named
Doughty a resident living there was
Sail White fish during the Close Season
However I arrived at my destination & not that
the had sold Spirits and ascertained to
ill Zimmerman mber of White fish
others on the 25.th Inst Keeper and del-
Mr Doughty hearing the
Action Against him for his intervention
of the Fisheries Act came to see me at the Store
of C R Snore a County Magistrate and there
in the presence of Mr. Snore and his brother ad
mitted the offence pleading ignorance of the
Law &c &c I wished Mr Snore to take up the Case
and for some reason or another he felt very reluct
antly to do so. So I fined Mr Doughty myself the
sum of $4.00 without Costs which was paid

Mr Doughty who is a Butcher inform
me that he purchase the fish in Dunville
and the were caught in Lake Erie in the Town
ship of Dunn or Bainham Mr McCraes
Division but he denied knowing or at least
he would not apprise me who the parties
was whom he purchase the said fish from
All I could get from him was that when in pur
suit of his calling buying Cattle &c he went
these parties in the neighbourhood Dunnville
and bought 2 or white fish & brought them on to

Hamilton Dec. 3/84

Dear Sir I had a conversation with Paddy Hand on Saturday And he informs me that he had removed his nets from the spot you were speaking of over three weeks ago. so I think that being the case you had better leave the Lawsuit alone - Hopes that you are well

Yours truly
F. Keeso
Jr.

Peter Grant
Fisherman
Port Dalhousie

Sheldon. I was able to inform the Supervisor this morning that you would not further interfere with the seine of Peter Grant - there was a large number of White fish caught in the Gourmashipper Seine and Grantham in the Close season

The Close season

U.S. Steamer Fish Hatching Station
Port Dalhousie Ont.
Dec 4th 1884

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst informing me that you have instituted legal proceedings against Peter Grant for fishing in close season. I am sorry that you have done so as I have been in correspondence with Mr Grant and he has promised to desist from fishing during the close season. I am sorry that you have taken this course as I am sure that Mr Grant will not fish during the close season. I am sorry that you have taken this course as I am sure that Mr Grant will not fish during the close season.

I am your obt servt
Superintendent
Fish Culture
Ontario

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Branch
Ottawa

Yeo L.t Yeoman

Hamilton
The first / The 30.th of Nov.r 89

Nov.r 12.th Down at the Boat House at
Jn.o Andrew Sages fixing up the
13 ft and bringing the same up
to Bastiens Boat House at Ham
ilton grappling in the meantime for
nets at Lands Bay miles by Boat 10
Bay oxen H. B. 12 miles $1.50 Jas. Wm
Rousseau $1.00 for acting as Boatman
& Constable Diner at Victoria Hotel 25.cts 1 H.B. 22 2.75

" 16 Out on Burlington Bay Hunting &
grappling for nets s.s. seen two
spearing lights at Burlington Heights
Coll.d 2.00 from the same Wm Rous
seau acting as Boatman and Consta
ble miles by Boat 14 H.B. 12 miles $1.50
Jas. Boatman $1.00 Diner at Victoria
Hotel Hamilton 26.cts 1 H.B. 24 2.75

" 17.th Down at Burlington Beach trying to
find out if any of the fishermen
were encroaching with nets in the waters
of Burlington Bay with no results H B miles
16 $2.00 Diner at Symes Hotel 25.cts 1 H.B. 16 2.25

" 22 Out on B. Bay grappling for nets but
along the shores of B Beach but with
no result no spearing lights out Paid
Rousseau $1.00 for acting as Boatman
& Constable miles by Boat 14 H.B. 12 miles $1.50
Diner at Victoria Hotel 26.cts 1 H.B.B. 26 2.76

" 23 Down to B. Heights thence to
Pt Nigel & Camps 67

4 . 88. $11.17

Fred: Herr

Hamilton
The first

The 30th of November 84

4 88 14

Burlington Beach Rec'd information from
Capt Campbell of the Light house of a net
being set at Browns Wharf B Bay took
Campbell Boat rowed out and grappled
but did not succeed in finding it. miles
by Boat 12 H.B. miles 30. $3.00 Dinner for
two 50 ct Morrison Hotel Jas Rousseau
$4.00 for Act as Boatmen & Capt toll 10 ct — 1 H12B40 — 4 60

" 25 Down at B. Beach Collecting L. Ins. Collt
$15.00 H12B40 Diner 25 cts miles 20 — 1 HB. 20 — 2 25

29 Off to Gordon on information Rec'd that
Isaac Doughty selling white fish during
Close Season see my report of Dec 2. Thence
to St Catherines to see Peter Nash from Port Dal
housie thence home fare to St Catherines $1.70
stage from St to Gordens walk back to Bus to
St Catherines 30 cts Dinner & supper 50 cts Street car
to Hamilton 10 — 1 Byr 6 — 2 75

30 Out on B. Beach Bay looking for Spear
er and grappling for nets Rousseau
$4.00
Act Boatmen & Capt 2 to Boatmen H B 12 — 1 H12.2 — 2 75
Miles by water 20 Diner at Bit Hotel 25 cts

$3 H 23.52

Fred: Herr

Fred: Herr

Hamilton December 3rd 1849

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith for your consideration and approval my account and expenditure incurred by me during my active duties in this Division for the month ending the 30th of November. 1849. Amounting — — £23.5.2

I beg to state that most of this expense was incurred in keeping a sharp lookout for illegal fishing of Gill nets for Herring in Hamilton Bay during the Spawning season as I considered it absolutely necessary to do so but at the same time I endeavored to keep all unnecessary expenses down — —

All of which is submitted for your consideration and approval

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept

I remain Sir Your
Obedient Servant
Jas. H. Kerr
Fishery Overseer

Hamilton Dec. 10th 1849

Dear Sir

I called at the Post Office on my return from Collingwood and on enquiring at the Post Office for any letters addressed to me was informed that one had been received but that it was returned to the writer. I am much surprised that I should have been treated in such a manner from the date of my letter to you which I sent from Owen Sound I should have received an answer long before this time. I am very much annoyed at the conduct of this Department in this matter. I have given up my situation at Owen Sound in order to accept of the appointment offered me by the Department and have been put to a great deal of trouble and expense in doing so. I have also refused a very lucrative situation offered me by Buchanan & Gemmell of Owen Sound which I would be glad to accept of again if I could do so. I have also been put to a great deal of trouble in getting my effects down from Owen Sound to Hamilton and have not yet received any remuneration for the same. I have also been put to a great deal of trouble in getting my effects down from Owen Sound to Hamilton and have not yet received any remuneration for the same.

Yours respectfully
Jas. H. Kerr
Fishery Overseer

private

A. P. Bernsetto Esq
Fisheries Ottawa
Hamilton Dec 10th 1889

Dear Sir,

I had a very favourable interview with the Hon.ble Minister before leaving for home on Saturday last after I seen you. And I asked him for an increase of Salary which he promised me without any hesitation whatever and told me to write out an application and send it through the Deputy Minister in the usual form and he would attend to it I inquired if it required any recommends from the different M. P.'s in the District but he informed me that was not necessary as he was quite satisfied that I was entitled to the increase. Would you be pleased to advise me whether I should state any given amt in the application or just leave it to himself. Thanking you for your kindness in offering your help I remain yours respectfully

Yours truly

[illegible]
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Hamilton Dec 11 1889
Dear Mr. Bernsetto
I mailed blanks to you
Yesterday
Yours truly
[illegible]

Hamilton Dec. 14. 1889

Sir

I have the honor to report for your information that on my return from Ottawa as you suggested, I proceeded to the Fishing Station Bronte Lake Ontario Overseers Sergent Division for to investigate & ascertain why the number of Boats engaged in fishing at that Point had showed such a decrease as to the year before — — —
I beg to state that the number of Boats & Licenses issued by Overseer Sergent are correct except Robt Joice who denies fishing four Boats and seemed much surprised when informed of the fact. But could not get any accurate explanation from him as such being the case. The reason that less Boats are being fished this season the Ceseves have very much decreased not near the same quantity taken as last year — — — — —
But information received by me in other quarters in reference to Robert Joice being returned for Four Boats is this. W. B. Warden & fishing Master and Isaac Pickard a License Fishermen both residents of Bronte positively say that either one or two of the Boats are owned and fished by Overseer Sergent himself. Warden being in his employ last summer being hired and paid by Sergent for Sergent is a brother in Law of Joice Family which fairly near composes all the fishermen at Bronte
W. B. Warden and a number [illegible] side of the Joice family say that the fishermen of Bronte were in the habit of fishing for and caught a large Quantity of small Salmon Trout during the fishing Season weighing two or three pounds apiece being fished and caught with condemned gill nets with 3½ inch

such extension measure in fact they say it was a shame to catch them but still I could not get any definite information who the parties were that catch them that is name of one particular individual they would say they all caught them these illegal nets where fished and set about 2. & 3 miles from shore on what is called the old Salmon Ground fishing Grounds those fish having seemed to have returned in large numbers this season

When my informant were asked the question where Overseer Sergent was when this violation of the Fishery Act was going on the reply was what could he say when he was on the same pursuit himself. I may say its is allmost impossible to get any reliable evidence or information with reference to the said violation of the law as Overseer Sergent and nearly all the fishermen at Baie de Chaleurs are relations and stand so well in together that it nearly impossible to find anything out on what illegal fishing going on except they were caught in the Act or through the outside parties some who I have spoken to who say there levying would not be worth a cent if they came out boldly

In Conclusion I might say that my opinion is that it is next to impossibilty for Overseer Sergent to be a very efficient Officer or to enforce the fishery regulations properly, when so engaged in the fishing business himself and especially the way he is situated I may have gone deeper into this than I should but I deem it my duty to do so for the good and welfare of the Fisheries

All of which is submitted for your information and attention

I am Sir Your Obedient Servant

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept Ottawa

Hamilton Dec. 18th 1889

Dir

In compliance with your Kind permission I beg to lay before you the reasons which I consider entitle me to some better remuneration as Fishery Overseer -

On my Brothers death in 1888 I was decided by your Department to take temporary charge of his Division which extended at the time from Whitby on Lake Ontario to the mouth of the Grand River on Lake Erie.

My appointment was confirmed last Spring and I was officially placed in charge of a District extending from Brant House on Lake Ontario to the mouth of Niagara River on Lake Erie. My Salary was at the same time fixed at $250: instead of $500: which my late Brother had. I was at the same time instructed to take charge of that part of the Coast of Lake Erie extending from Port Erie to the mouth of the Grand River. Which I have continued to do up to the present date thus making my district about 100 miles in extent including Burlington Bay & Niagara River

Last Spring I was directed to attend to Overseer Mc Cues division in order to stop illegal fishing on the Grand River which I did to your Department and everybodys Satisfaction

All these duties: in distructs out side of my regular division I have tried to perform to the best of my ability and with

Hon. C. H. Tupper
Min of Marine & Fisheries
Ottawa

Hammerfest den 14 Juli 1881

Til

Den ærede Indredsmand modtog med Glæde
Deres Brev af 9de ds. og skynder sig at tilbagesende
Dem de ønskede Oplysninger angaaende Hr Forvalter Nilsen
Hvad Hr Nilsen angaar, da er han født i Aaret 1837 og
er altsaa nu 44 Aar gammel. Han er Søn af Gaardbruger
Nils Nilsen og Hustru Ingeborg Nilsdatter, begge
Bosatte paa Gaarden Nilsnæs i Ullensvang Præstegjeld
Hardanger. Hr Nilsen har i sin Ungdom gaaet i Skole
og har derefter arbeidet paa Gaarden indtil han i Aaret
1865 blev ansat som Opsynsmand ved Kvæsitten Kobber-
verk. Her blev han i 1867 gift med Pigen Ingeborg
Olsdatter Hjelle, født Aaret 1844 og Datter af Gaard-
bruger Ole Olsen Hjelle og Hustru Ingeborg Olsdatter
Hjelle, begge Bosatte paa Gaarden Hjelle i Ullensvang
Præstegjeld. Ægteparret har 3 Børn, 2 Døtre og 1 Søn
alle i Live. Hr Nilsen blev i Aaret 1870 ansat som
Bestyrer ved Kvæsitten Kobberverk, hvilken Stilling
han beklædte indtil Verket i Aaret 1878 blev nedlagt
og Arbeidet indstillet. Hr Nilsen har derefter
været ansat som Bestyrer ved Hammerfest Gasværk
indtil han i Aaret 1880 blev ansat som Forvalter
ved Hammerfest Kommunes Arbeidsanstalt, hvilken
Stilling han for Tiden beklæder. Hr Nilsen
har altsaa i 14 Aar beklædt Stillinger som
Bestyrer og Forvalter, og har derved
erhvervet sig Kundskaber og Erfaringer
som ere ham til Nytte ved Varetagelsen
af hans nuværende Stilling. Hr Nilsen
har ogsaa i Kraft af sin Stilling
havt Anledning til at gjøre sig
bekjendt med Arbeidsmaader
og Arbeidsmaskiner, som
ere brugelige ved
Arbeidsanstalten.

with Credit to your Department

There are now over 70 License Fishermen besides a large number of Spearers in Burlington Bay and Dundas Marsh under my Jurisdiction. All these require Constant Attendance and I can assure your Honr. Sir. That my duties as Fishery Overseer Keep me fully employed from one end of the year to the other.

For over fifteen years I have assisted my Late Father in various ways going with him to Kettle Point Lake Huron and other Places in the Capacity of an assistant thus Qualified me for the Office and when I entered upon my duties I had acquired the experience which my Fathers extensive and General Knowledge of the Fisheries of Ontario enabled him to teach me

Trust for the above reasons I respectfully submit that my case is deserving of Special Consideration at your hands

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Obedt Servant
Jno. C. Herr
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton

Hon. C. H. Tupper
Minister of Marine
Ottawa

Hamilton Dec 21.st 1889

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. for the sum of $14.50 cts fourteen Dollars and fifty cts

Would you be pleased to apply this Amt as follows for this current year 1889

1st Andrew Vansteamburg Youngstown Balance of license fee for a license already received and delivered by me money sent herewith $ 10.00

2nd Messrs Blandfield and Murdock Bridgeway for a license to fish 1000 yards of Herring Gill net in the waters of Lake Erie fronting on the Township of Bertie County of Welland for this current year 1889 The same as last year the fee sent herewith $ 2.50

I also send you half the fine imposed upon Isaac Doughty of Jordon for the Contravention of the Fishery Act. on the 29.th of Nov. for selling whitefish during Close season $2.00

Total Amount sent $14.50

All of which is respectfully Submitted I would recommend that you be pleased to grant Messrs Blandfield and Murdock their license

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obt Servant
Fred Gerr
C. O

Hannover den 21. Juli 1881

An

den Königlichen Herrn Landrath Freiherr
von Hodenberg Hochwohlgeboren
Nienburg a/W.

Ew. Hochwohlgeboren

beehre ich mich ergebenst anzuzeigen, daß ich
die Ihnen gehörige Feldmark Nr. 1 der Flur
Nr. 1 der Gemarkung Nienburg
Stadt
Nr. 1 der Flur Nr. 1 der Gemarkung
Nienburg

No 1

Hamilton December 23rd 1889.

Sir

I have the honor to submit to you the Annual report and Statistics of the Hamilton Division extending from the Beach House Lake Ontario, to the mouth of the Grand river Port Maitland Lake Erie for the year ending 31st Dec 1889 - - - - - - - - -

Herring = There was a large increase in Blue Back or shore Herring in the South portion of my Division in the waters of Lake Ontario! A very large Quantities being caught last fall such a run of Herring not being observed inside of ten years even to my own knowledge! At Burlington Beach ... was done splendid and enormous hauls made by Gill Nets the fish being of a large size and fetch a good price and quick sales - - - The Ciscoes is undoubtly on the decrease the catch of the past season being much below last years more especially the larger ones = The reasons I presume and contend they are to closely fished The majority of the Fishermen engaging all there attention to this Fishery alone from one years end to the other and Consquently the result is a decrease owing to being overfished! Genel I consider that if there was a Close season provided for this species of fish it would not be long before showing better results for my opinon is that it is impossible for the customary supply to hold out with the large number of nets use if something of this sort is not done, I would re- Commend that some regulation be passed for the protection of these delicious fish - - - -

White Fish - These fish have not an increase

increased any this season I do not think they were as plentiful as last year. anyway the the fishermen do not make any effort or preparation to fish for them and it hard for me to ascertain whether they are on the increase or not what I have seen where of good size. Quite a number was taken at Moulton Bay Lake Erie in the Spring of the year by seins but the men of fish did not last long. — —

Salmon Trout. Quite a number of those fish where caught at the fishing Station Gravenhurst by John Hand a fisherman who makes this fishery a speciality he informs me that he caught a large number of splendid ones of a distinct variety from the old natives of Lake Ontario: the reasons I give for this assertion is that the Fishery Dept by depositing and distributing the young fry hatch from eggs taken from fish of the upper Lakes by doing so I contend they have introduced new blood and stock into the Salmon Trout of Lake Ontario and consequently stimulate into them as it were a healthy and vigourous fish a vast improvement over the old natives of this lake and through this opinion I look for a large increase next year which can be attained by keeping a close watch on under sized gill nets and on the close season I believe in a few years we will be catching our usual supply — — — —

Sturgeon: There was a large quantity of Sturgeon taken this year at Niagara some fishermen catching as high as 4 tons Trouts caught with set lines the fish were disposed at a fair price prices

price and Marketed at Buffalo.

At the South portion of my Division which extends from Port Erie to the east side of the Mouth of the Grand river.— Lake Erie: The fishing was very poor indeed in all kinds of fish: which fishery has fallen off Considerable for some years past.— The reasons given for the general decrease are namely the Large number of Pounds nets fished up the Lake proving a strong barrier to fish from visiting this division as they have done in years gone by. and the strongest reason I confind are Continual encroachment of American fishermen from Buffalo who have or has been in the habit of fishing extensively with all kinds gill nets with means of steam tugs in our waters for the Buffalo fish company for number of years past no less than 5 tugs being engaged in the Business in the early part of the past season and thus engringing on our fishermen to alarming extent: I made a large seizure of there gill nets at Point Abino in the early part of the summer which checked them considerable and now from what I can learn they are making preparation for next year but with proper facilitys at my command I hope to deter them from any further encroachments. our fishermen residing on the lake feel very much encouraged at the check the American received and are now getting up a number of gill nets for next season as they have been solely fishing in a desultry way for some years past leaving now being as they say surrounded by American nets and are willing to assist me in every possible

manner

manner in my intention of stopping this illegal fishing I hope to give you a better account of this district next year — —

The close season was well observed in my district the past season no violation of the laws coming under my notice except one case of a man being fined for selling white fish during close season the fish being caught in another Division: I had also some parties fined for fishing illegaly on the Grand river last spring

Fishways. Being in charge of a portion of the Grand river being sent there by the Dept early last spring. I beg to report that I find that the said River is a magnificient water for the procreation and Breeding of all kinds of fish who visit the waters of rivers for the purpose of spawning &c. &c. I reported at the time the want of proper fish Ways. I therefore take this opportunity to bring this matter of necessity before your attention for a favourable consideration. I recommend that an number be placed between Caledonia and Dunville and that no nets of any Kind be allowed to be fished in the above River in future

All of which is submitted with due respect &c.

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries. Dep.t
Ottawa

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your. Obe.d Servant
Jerell. Kerr
Fishery Overs.r

1882
Hamilton Dec. 28th

Dear Sir

On the 7th of May of the year 1882 you paid into the Post Office Bank at Yengeal the sum of $100.00 and was granted an order from the above Amt. which you sent to my late Father for a license. My Father having died before the Post office order arrived And I taking his late office soon after I therefore sent all cheques money orders that was in my possession direct to the Fishery Dept not thinking of the necessity of placing my signature to your order but however your Order has been sent back to me to sign kened to try and get the money out of the Post office Ans. But the order should have

C. J. Snider Esq Cayuga Dunnville P. O

1884
Hamilton Dec. 23rd

Dear Sir

I beg to inform you that on visiting the Fisheries Dept at Ottawa a short time ago in speaking with the Deputy Minister I brought up the necessity of having fishways erected at the several Dams and obstacles between Dunnville and Caledonia, inform the Deputy what a splendid and desirable river it was for the — propagation and Breeding of fish he seemed favourable impressed with the idea I also strongly recommended it in my annual report a few days ago. My impression is that if you take action and push the matter right away we would have no difficulty in having them built before the opening of Spring Trouts

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Nashville Dec. 23rd 1864

Dear Sir

We have your favor of the 19th inst. and in reply would say that we have not the Cotton in store, but will have it ready for delivery on the 1st of January next. We will also have the Cotton in store at Memphis, and will be prepared to deliver it there at any time after the 1st of January next, if you desire it. We will also have the Cotton in store at Louisville, and will be prepared to deliver it there at any time after the 1st of January next, if you desire it. We will also have the Cotton in store at Cincinnati, and will be prepared to deliver it there at any time after the 1st of January next, if you desire it. We will also have the Cotton in store at Chicago, and will be prepared to deliver it there at any time after the 1st of January next, if you desire it. We will also have the Cotton in store at St. Louis, and will be prepared to deliver it there at any time after the 1st of January next, if you desire it. We will also have the Cotton in store at New Orleans, and will be prepared to deliver it there at any time after the 1st of January next, if you desire it. We will also have the Cotton in store at Mobile, and will be prepared to deliver it there at any time after the 1st of January next, if you desire it. We will also have the Cotton in store at Savannah, and will be prepared to deliver it there at any time after the 1st of January next, if you desire it. We will also have the Cotton in store at Charleston, and will be prepared to deliver it there at any time after the 1st of January next, if you desire it. We will also have the Cotton in store at Wilmington, and will be prepared to deliver it there at any time after the 1st of January next, if you desire it. We will also have the Cotton in store at Norfolk, and will be prepared to deliver it there at any time after the 1st of January next, if you desire it. We will also have the Cotton in store at Baltimore, and will be prepared to deliver it there at any time after the 1st of January next, if you desire it. We will also have the Cotton in store at Philadelphia, and will be prepared to deliver it there at any time after the 1st of January next, if you desire it. We will also have the Cotton in store at New York, and will be prepared to deliver it there at any time after the 1st of January next, if you desire it. We will also have the Cotton in store at Boston, and will be prepared to deliver it there at any time after the 1st of January next, if you desire it.

C. H. Mueller Esq Charleston S. C.

Nashville Dec. 23rd 1864

Dear Sir

I beg to inform you that we are receiving the Cotton daily at Athens & shall continue shipping with the Augusta Division as fast as the receipts will warrant. Our agents at Athens have orders to ship all the Cotton they can get, and we shall continue to do so as long as the receipts will warrant. We have also agents at Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Bristol, who are receiving Cotton daily, and will ship it as fast as the receipts will warrant. We have also agents at Lynchburg, Danville, and Petersburg, who are receiving Cotton daily, and will ship it as fast as the receipts will warrant. We have also agents at Richmond, who are receiving Cotton daily, and will ship it as fast as the receipts will warrant. We have also agents at Fredericksburg, who are receiving Cotton daily, and will ship it as fast as the receipts will warrant. We have also agents at Alexandria, who are receiving Cotton daily, and will ship it as fast as the receipts will warrant. We have also agents at Washington, who are receiving Cotton daily, and will ship it as fast as the receipts will warrant. We have also agents at Baltimore, who are receiving Cotton daily, and will ship it as fast as the receipts will warrant. We have also agents at Philadelphia, who are receiving Cotton daily, and will ship it as fast as the receipts will warrant. We have also agents at New York, who are receiving Cotton daily, and will ship it as fast as the receipts will warrant. We have also agents at Boston, who are receiving Cotton daily, and will ship it as fast as the receipts will warrant.

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Hamilton Dec 26 1884

Dear Sir

Your card received I beg to inform you that as soon as the year is up I am ready to receive applications and at the same time send your license fee $3.00 and I expect it will be alright you must pay me $3.00 if you intend to fish night lines for sturgeon as to the new regulation all license fees must be paid in advance before commencing to fish. In future I must have your fish return by the middle of December.

Mr George Elliot
Jordon

Yours respt
Fred. Gee
Fishery Inspector

been presented at the Bank within one year from date of issue so in order to draw the money I will required a Certificate of Consent from you I Would you Kindly furnish me with such a document and oblige

Yours very respectfully
Fred. Gee
Fishery Inspector
Hamilton

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Dear Sir

Your favor received
& beg to inform you that we
have on the 2nd inst. sent
the required explanation. and
all the items have been
made in strict accordance
with your instructions.
We shall be obliged if you
will give us further particulars
regarding the shipment
you refer to, & we will
then make every effort
to trace it up.

Yours truly
Pioneer Trading Co.
Per Jno. Collins
Mgr.

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Mgr.

Hamilton Dec. 31.st 1889

Sir

I beg to state that in explanation with reference to Messrs Stanfield & Murdock license they were fishing early last Spring and Stanfield promised to send me the money at the time as I intended to send his application with the others which he failed to do. as the fishing was very poor. he quit and went to work in the city of Buffalo. and worked there off and on all summer & fall and consequently I could not see or come across him but he came home lately and paied the money they are very poor men and they have I believe always paid their license fee Therefore I did not press them

All of which is respectively submitted for your consideration & approval

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

I remain sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred Kerr
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton

Read. Kerr

Dunnville
the 1st

the 31 st of December 39

Dec: 11th Off to Toronto to make enquiries
as to the number of Boats fishing
during the past season by order
from Sidney Smith the agent
Pay - fare 70 cts Time at Marks Hotel 2:0
a Cab in order to catch train in Dunnville 2:0
Fare at Toronto from station Cabs 25 cts 1 Pg. 50 1 45

" 12 Down at Burlington Beach
getting up the annual fish returns
& delivering licenses Pay from 10 to 22.00 1 Hk. 16 2 00

" 16 Off to St Catherines Niagara and
Queenston getting up annual
returns Rail fare to St Catherines
Fare from St Catherines station & hotel 1:0
21.00 Team to run Queenston and
back 12.00 paid to Hodgson Bros
for two 3 cts feed for team 3 cts
to Doyles & Dalhousie Miles by team
30. miles by Pg 30 total 60. 1 Pg Hk 60 4 1:0

" 17 Off from St Catharines Port Colborne
Ridgeway & Fort Erie Pg fare to Port
Colborne 70 cts Board at the Murray
House St Cath 75 cts Pg. fare from Port Col
borne to Fort Erie 70 cts Paid Patterson
for team to drive to Pofunalen from
12 miles @ 2.00 Dinner at Pat: Hotel 25 cts
Home to Dunnville by Pg fare 11.10 1 Pg team 12 5-5-0

4 238 13.1.0

Fred: Hess

Hamilton
The 1st.

The 31st of December 87

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Sun 10 Off from Deinville to Hamilton
Rx fare $1.5 Board at Queen Hotel
Deinville 7 to Dine at Des Hotel Ham
ilton 2 " "s 1 ½ 30 2 15

19 Down at Burdings Beach Furnish
ing up my Annual fish return
my own R. R. Pass at Systehotel west
Miles 14 1 Hr. 14 2 25

Postage Stamps 75

6 285 $ 18 25

Fred. Hess

Fred Hess

December 9

				Sent by Bank
Dec.	2nd	A. Vanderlamburg	License	$1000 Draft No 1326 in
		Stanfield & Murdoch	"	250 the dept in the
		Isaac Doughty	Fine	200 P.M. Dec. for the
				Sum of $14.50

Total Amt Sent during the month $14 50 of Dec 1830

Hamilton Reed

Hamilton January 2nd 1890

Sir

I beg to report for your information that all license fees in my Division have been collected and returned to the Dept except Robert J. Allen of Niagara who is in arrears $15.00 for a Seine License granted him last Spring by the Dept for Lots Nos 2 & 3 Niagara

I might state that Mr Allen has had very poor luck during the fall season the seine fishing being very poor he had to stop fishing early in consequence as it did not pay expenses he was then employed at the Chalegara a summer resort at Niagara he worked there all summer and late in the fall and he informed some time ago that he was unable to get any money from the resort for his whole season work but as soon as received he would send me the money as this was some time ago I wrote him a few days ago asking him what he intend doing about it but have receive no answer I have only to say that he is a hard working man with a large family and in very poor circumstances mostly through the reasons stated above. I would therefore recommend that a reduction be made in this license fee or the time be extended Would you be pleased take this case into your Consideration and advise me accordingly

To The Deputy Minister Fisheries Dept Ottawa

I remain Sir Your Obedient Servant
Geo. Hess
G H

Hamilton Jan 6th 1890

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd Ultimo asked in answer you I may have the same grounds as last year at the same rate. As I might inform you several parties wishes for lease the grounds at the usual rate but as you are the old lessees you must have the preference. And the rule is now the license fee must be invariable paid in advance and the money sent to the Treasury Dept. before the application is granted

Yours Truly
Fred. Wetter
J. P.

Mr John Walker
Youngstown
Niagara
N.Y.

Hamilton Jan: 6th 1890

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd Ultimo containing the sum of £20.-.- and to inform you that your application will be attended to as soon as possible.
I will let you know a few days before I visit Launceston to enable you to meet me

I am Dear Sir
Yours truly
Jas. Scott
Hazel Bros
Hamilton

Mr C. Wadsworth
Launceston

Hamilton Jan 1st 1890

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your application of the 1st instant. And in answer to your communication I would advise you to make application direct to the Deputy Minister of Fisheries Ottawa. I might inform you that you will find it very difficult to obtain licence for Pound nets in future. you may make your application to will do no harm

Please address your application to John Tilton Esq
Deputy Minister Ottawa
and state all the details of your wants the no of nets limits &c.

Your Truly
Enoch Kerr

Ridgeway
Ont

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Hamilton Jan 9th 1890

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. for the sum of thirty dollars $30.00

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount for Licenses for this current year 1890 as follows

1st Joseph Gabriel Queenston for a license to fish one machine in the waters of the Niagara River fronting the Town of Queenston County of Lincoln on fishing Lot known as No 1. the fee sent herewith the same as last year. $ 10.00

2nd Chester Wadsworth Queenston for a license to fish two machines in the waters of the Niagara River fronting the County of Lincoln on fishing Lots known as Nos. 3 and 14. Ten dollars for each machines sent herewith $20.00

Total Amount sent $ 30.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant licenses to the above applicants both the same as last year

All of which is respectively Submitted

I remain sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred Yeo
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

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Hemmelton. Jan. 13. 1890

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Ultimo. And I am to inform you that I am not very well acquainted with the locality that you have so ably described nor can I find out who the officer is that should have that district in charge. but however I think you are perfectly right and safe in taking up the matter yourself. The charges should be. Fishing without license which comes under the Fishery Act and you also can bring a case of Trespass against them for being on your land which comes under the Common law you had better consult a Local Magistrate and read the Fishery Act Carefully as most of the Magistrates are supplied with the Act in the meantime I will report to the Fishery Dept. Please inform me of all proceedings in the case should you decide to go on against them

Yours. Obt.
Jas. Burkholder Esq
Stayner

Jas. Burkholder
Fishery Inspector

Hannibal Jan. 13. 1840

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
10th Ultimo. And am to inform
you that I am not very well aqua
inted with the localities of your
town so as to be able to give you
any such advice as you require in that
behalf but shall be glad to render
any, and every assistance in my
power to further the objects of your
visit. The Stage
travels to & fro between this place
and Louisiana Mo. daily. The Stage
Company also own & run a line of Packet
Steamers from here to Keokuk Iowa
Territory & Galena Illinois. The Company
have their Office on the Levee

Yours truly
Thos. Hughes
Stage Proprietor

The Postmaster
Keokuk
Iowa

On receipt of the foregoing we hastily
[illegible] with the Stage Company
[illegible] with regard to the Packets leaving
Please inform me of all proceedings
in the case hereafter desired by
Yours respectfully

Hamilton Jan 13th 1890.

Sir

In answer to your question of the 11th inst requesting to state on whose authority I had given John J. Allen a license without paying the fee &c &c.

I beg to inform you that I have not given Allen the license as I always have made a point not to deliver no license until the fee is paid to me in advance I honestly believed that Allen intended to pay only for the circumstances which I refer to. In my letter of the 2nd inst I have wrote Allen about it since new years but have received no answer. I understand that he has moved out of Niagara Town. However I herewith send you the license referred to unsigned by me

All of which is respectfully submitted

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Obed. Servant
Genl. Supt
Fisheries Ontario

Hamilton Jan 13th 1890 -

Sir I beg to report for your information that I have received a Complaint from a Gentleman named Michael Burkholder a resident of Clarence, Ont.

It appears by what he says and reports that he owns a large Tract of Land situated on the Nottawasaga River or Beeks Lake in the Township of Nunnicdale County of Simcoe near Collingwood the river referred to is part or a Tributary to the Georgian Bay

Mr Burkholder Complains very bitterly in the manner in which a number of Fishermen from the neighbourhood of Collingwood who are in the habit of coming and fishing with Seines & setting and slaughtering all kinds of fish which frequent the said waters such as Sturgeon & Pickerel &c in the said fishing Region contend are done without Leave or License

The above Gentlemen kindly ask me to bring this matter before you for your consideration and attention

All of which is respectfully submitted

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Obed't Servant
Fred: Kerr
Fishery Overseer

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

Hamilton Jan 14th 1890

Dear Sir

Would you Kindly sign the Accompanied paper in reference to the money Order that I wrote you about some time ago I am sure it will not do you any harm to sign it as you know the circumstances of the case very well. And I expect to be sent up in your district to regulate the number of Pound nets to be fished and you with me to favor you & You might return the favour by signing this paper with both names

Hoping that you will attend to this at once

Page & Balcom
Agents

Yours respt
Fred Kerr
J. O

Hamilton Jan 14th 1890

Dear Sir

Would you Kindly sign the accompanied slip & return it the same matter I explain to you when I seen you last the paper you made out did not seem to suit and I am determined to get the money out if possible I am at in good shape now and by your signing this paper you will be doing me a great favour. Thanking you for your past favour

Yours
Fred Kerr
J. O

Jamaica Jones

Mr Chas Biell
Port Erie

Hamilton Jan 14 1790

Dear Sir

I would esteem it a favour if you would
favour me with your opinion whether
the Commissioners of Loans are
authorized to grant certificates
for the interest due on the
Loans of the United States
which may be presented to them
for that purpose, or whether
they are to wait for the
decision of Congress upon
the subject. I am
Dear Sir
Your most obedient
& humble servant
Alex Hamilton

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Mr. H M Shepherd
Queenston

Hamilton Jan 15th 1890

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9. inst also containing an application for a fishing ground -

I beg to inform you that its impossible for me to obtain your license without first sending your money. I may tell you that I got severely reprimanded a short time ago for the same thing being unable to collect money of course I do not say at this would happen in your case but you can see I am situated. I cannot as I please and it wont pay to even any asks if you have not got the money [illegible] you [illegible]

Hamilton Jan 16th 1890

Dear Madam

I am sorry to see by the newspaper that your Boat House caught fire and was completely destroyed. I hope that you have not suffered the loss of your Boats nets &c. as well. I also hope it was not maliciously done

We have all been suffering here with the La Grippe and Mother is still very poorly. Hoping that you and family are enjoying good Health

I remain
Yours Truly
H C

Mrs J. Elliot
Niagara

Dear Sir

Herewith I beg to enclose my
cheque for £ 1.1.0 in payment
of your bill of 1st inst.
for painting Ground
Floor Front Room
& Passage

Yours truly
Thomas Elliott
Painter

Hamilton Jan 15th 1900

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of 13th inst.
also enclosing cheque for £1.1.0
for painting Ground Floor Front Room
& Passage

Yours truly
Thomas Elliott
Painter

Hamilton Jany. 14th 1890

Sir

I beg to report that in reference to the application of L. Veal and Geo. Magee of Rondeauway for four or five Pound nets to be fished in the waters of Lake Erie opposite to Tow Banks Lobs point &c &c.

Which application has been referred to me to report upon by the Fishery Dept dated the 1st ult. File No. 2147-90

I beg to state and report that I cannot fully recommend their application not even for one Pound Net for good and strong reasons which I will try and point out to you for your own consideration

In the first place they desire license for a limit to fish off Tow Banks between Mohawk Point and Knolls point or now in regard to Tow Banks its the only Seine hauling Grounds for White fish and other fish that lies between Port Maitland and Port Erie where any quantity of fish are annually caught during most generally in the Spring of the year when White fish are very scarce elsewhere and all the fish caught here are sold and distributed among the inhabitants living in the neighbourhood and who derive a great benefit I can assure from this little Fishery without diminishing or hurting the fish to any extent by this mode of Fishing. otherwise otherwise

Otherwise if the Pound nets are allowed to fish the Seine fishery will be completely destroyed and the fish taken by Pound nets are directly shipped to the City of Buffalo and we are none the better for it. I have no doubt that the Buffalo fish Company are running the business for these applicants as I know that these men have no capital of their own — —

I understand that Messrs Seal and Magee did fish and own the Pound nets of J. W. Rennie at the same locality some years ago which fishery turn out a complete failure and the fishery * Dept are well aware how Jno Rennie came out being in arrears with his rents &c. his loss being through the neglect of Messrs Seal & Magee they being very incompetent men at least I am so informed

In Conclusion I might say that the only way to increase the fish in this district is to keep out the Pound nets as much as possible and to stop the americans from encroaching on our waters and if this is done I have hopes for an increase I do not intend to recommend any Pound nets except of those that have been fishing for some years back at Point Abino So under the circumstances which I have explained I object and decline to recommend the application of Messrs Seal and Magee —

To the Deputy Minister Fisheries Dept Ottawa

I remain Sir Your obedt servant Jno. Tuck

Hamilton Jan. 21st 1890

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Ultimo File 0.0. 14-6-90 ... 0.0. 5-8-11-89. And must sincerely thank you for the notice taken of the services rendered by me as Fishery Overseer in this District in increasing my Salary to $300.00 per. annum. And I am glad to know that my services so far are being appreciated by the Hon.ble Minister. And in the future my whole desire and object will be to further the interests of the Fisheries and the duties pertaining to my office to the best of my ability

All of which is submitted with due respect

I have the Honor
To be Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Fred.k Vers
Fishery Overseer

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

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Private

Hamilton Jan 21st 1890

My Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your memo:- and most heartily thank you for your kind assistance in getting my salary increased, and the next attempt I hope we will have better success. I am quite satisfied at present at what we have done -

I have had the honor of being Elected by the Ratepayers of my Township to the position of Deputy Reeve by a large majority over three opponents which will bring me about $150.00 for the year which is not bad for a young man

D. F. Bauserto Esq Yours very truly

Gen. Supt. Indian Affairs Jno. A. Kerr

Hamilton Jan 21 1894

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge
the receipt of your favour -
and most kindly thank you
for your kind advice & care in get
ting our Labour preserved. But
we shall have better success, for
Public attention & Insurance at
present are very slow -
Hoping to see this favour shine
cheered by the Patronage of
the Farming Community
Yours very truly
[illegible]
We shall be glad to receive your Orders
for the ensuing season
[illegible]
Yours &c
[illegible]

Hamilton Jan 24th 1890.

Sir

I beg to report for your information that on the 20th Ultimo I received a Telegram from William Everett a Fisherman residing at the International Bridge near Fort Erie Complaining that a Party named Peter Nettle was fishing with nets a device and infringing on his fishing Ground which limits lies between the International Bridge and Everett's Wharf on the Niagara river fronting on the Township of Bertie County of Welland

It appears that Mr Everett found Mr Nettle fishing and ordered him off and forbid him but as I understand Nettle refused to stop however on the receipt of the Telegram I proceeded to the locality named and Interviewed Mr Nettle and informed him of the mistake he was making in fishing without license and to Avoid the Jurisdiction of the occupant and warned him not repeat the offence Mr Nettle pleaded innocence &c. and promised one not to Transgress any more in future so under the circumstances I did not take any further action in the matter .. Mr Nettle wishes to lease a fishing Ground on the river but the grounds are all occupied at present .. I might

Dec'd.

Davy in regard to the Man Nettle he is a very dangerous character he having Some years ago deliberatly shot and killed a man named Stevens in a dispute in reference to the said fishing ground and he was tried for murder three different times for the offence he committed but somehow or another he got clear and was liberated after being in Goal for a number of years. He is now a Terror to the neighbourhood where he resides although I admit I found the man amicable enough but at the same time I dont think it would be advisable to take any notice of a man of his discreption in regard to leasing him a fishing Ground.

All of which is respectively submitted

To the Dep. Y. Minister of Marine & Fisheries Ottawa

I have the honor to be Sir Your Obt Servant Genl. Herr Fishery Overseer

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1894

Hamilton Jan 29th

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th Ultimo. and am to inform you. that its impossible to grant your request As no nets of any description are allowed to be fished at any time in the waters of Burlington Bay or Dundas Marsh or in any of the tributaries thereof for any kind of fish

Yours respt
G. Kerr
Fishery Inspector
Hamilton

Mr Chas. Hill
Middlemarch P.O.
Ont

Hamilton Feb. 3 1890

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of
the 26th Ultimo - -
And to inform you that
on my report of my proceeding
with you in regard to your
trespassing on Wm Everetts
Fishing Grounds - I was repri
manded by the Dept for not
enforcing the Law against
you in this case - So in
future I would advise you
not to repeat the offence as
you are now full aware what
the consequence will be.
I will think over your case a
little and do something for you
Mr Peter Mitchell Yours Truly
International Fish Guard Steve

January 90

January				
31st	Chester Wadsworth	Licence	$ 20 00	Sent by Bank Draft Mon'tl
8. 1/2	Jos. Gabriel & Son	"	$ 10 00	In the Defalcation Ch. of Bank

1870

Total Amt received during the $3[illegible] Month Jan'y

Hamilton 90

Audit Office
Hamilton

Hamilton Feb 3d 1896

Dear Sir

Yours of the 30th ult. duly received

And beg to inform you that in my general report at the end of the year I drew the attention of the Fishery Dept to the small mesh in the nets used in fishing for ciscoes and very strongly recommended a larger size net and also a close season but what will be the result of my report I cannot say as yet get as far as I can learn all the other Inspectors go in for small mesh so you can perceive I am pretty well handicapped

as to Hand fishing on Sunday we sent one a very favourable excuse his nets being out for some time and Sunday being a fine day he lifted he being afraid they would be spoiled Hoping that you are enjoying Good Health.

Yours &c
Fred. H. Gisborne
Fy

Judge Sanders
1st Canadian

Hamilton Feb 3: 1840

Dear Sir

Copies of the Articles
referred
[illegible] to in your favour of
the 1st inst. on the subject of
[illegible] the settlement of the Apprenticeship
[illegible] & that the Stipendiary
Magistrates in the Out Ward in
[illegible] for three and
[illegible] Assembly Commanded
a Stoppage but not one also
[illegible] the result of my report
Command [illegible] will be
[illegible] can learn all the other
Magistrates [illegible] in the Parish
[illegible] as you can perceive
from Parish will Remain

Dec. Sir Hamet Hutchings Esq
Barbadoes Inclosing Copies of
your Despatches Enclosed Sir
With Having with the Honor
Sirs your Most Humble Servant
Sirs dang Sir Subject he Hopes
Assured Their Honour he Attended
Hutchings Thos Esq Sir Enclosed
Good Health

Copies Sent
Enclosed Sirs

Hamilton Feb 4th 1890

Dear Sir

Would you please name a day early next week and I will meet you at Burlington Bay next Tuesday if suitable. Re your Curtis Fleeman I was speaking to you about wants a fishing ground the west way. And as I do not wish to interfere with any arrangements that you may have made I think it would be advisable for us to meet and arrange the leasing of the said fishing grounds the same as we done last year with the same understanding I hear that some of the lessees are going to quit fishing but do not know how true it is please send me answer this week

Ma Yours Respectfully
J. O. Saunders

Hamilton Feby 6th 1890

Dear Sir

I have arrange ment Overseer Wm Sargent at Burlington on Tuesday next the 11 Instant I will be there the afternoon please notify young smith

Yours Truly
H Kerr
Jr Inspector

C. B. Curtis
Burlington

Da Montague E.J. Lanville
1890
Hamilton Feby 6-14

Dear Sir

Yours of the 3rd instant duly received.

I regret very much that I am not aquainted with many of the Fishermen residing in your County except two or three that I had seen last Spring as you are aware my district does not come west of Port Maitland as-sided Machine still has control of the rest - but however I am going to do all that lies in my power for you in the coming fight - I sat studying over the matter I thought if you would send me the names of a few good Conservative Fishermen I would write them and arrange to meet them at Dunville at an early date and I believe I could manage it alright in this manner - - Y. There is a Gentleman residing down there named Jamesbilds P.Office North Barton who expressed his intention of going up to assist in the coming Election who has a lot of relations in your County he said if he could not persuade them to vote for you he could get them to stay home I believe it would be advisable for you to see him for he is a good man for the business. In regard to Chas Evans I will attend to his case at once I must say he never made any report to me I would like to know how much the act is [illegible] Yours respectfully

De Montague Plantation
Hannibal Miss. 1840

Dear Sir

Yours of the 2nd inst
duly received
I regret very much that I
was disappointed with regard to the
Negroes reaching us from Vienna
as I had been in daily expectation
of their arrival & have
been waiting for them
some days - I have not
yet received any letter
from Mr Hunt informing
me of the number
of the Negroes
& the time
of their
arrival
I am
Dear Sir
Your obt Servt
[illegible]

Private

1890
Hamilton Feby 5-12

My Dear Sir

I received a letter from Dr. Montague of Haldimand asking me to recommend to the Dept the payment of Chas. Evans of Cayuga for work done last Spring Year on the Grand River in the interest of the Fisheries &c. He also informs me that Minister wants a report from me to the effect that this work was necessary and valuable.

Could you inform me whether Evans was formly appointed by the Dept to any position & to what salary does he to as the Election is coming off I expect the Doctor wants

This man applied to Had he man assisting me for three or four days last Spring which I pay'd him for since then I have received no report from him as to any of his proceedings but I believe he is good man any way I am in a quandry would you kindly help me out I would like to see the Doctor get there

L. P. Bausett Esq
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

Yours resp'y
Jno. H. Kerr
Fishery Bailiff

Mr. Secretary

1940

Honorable Cordell Hull

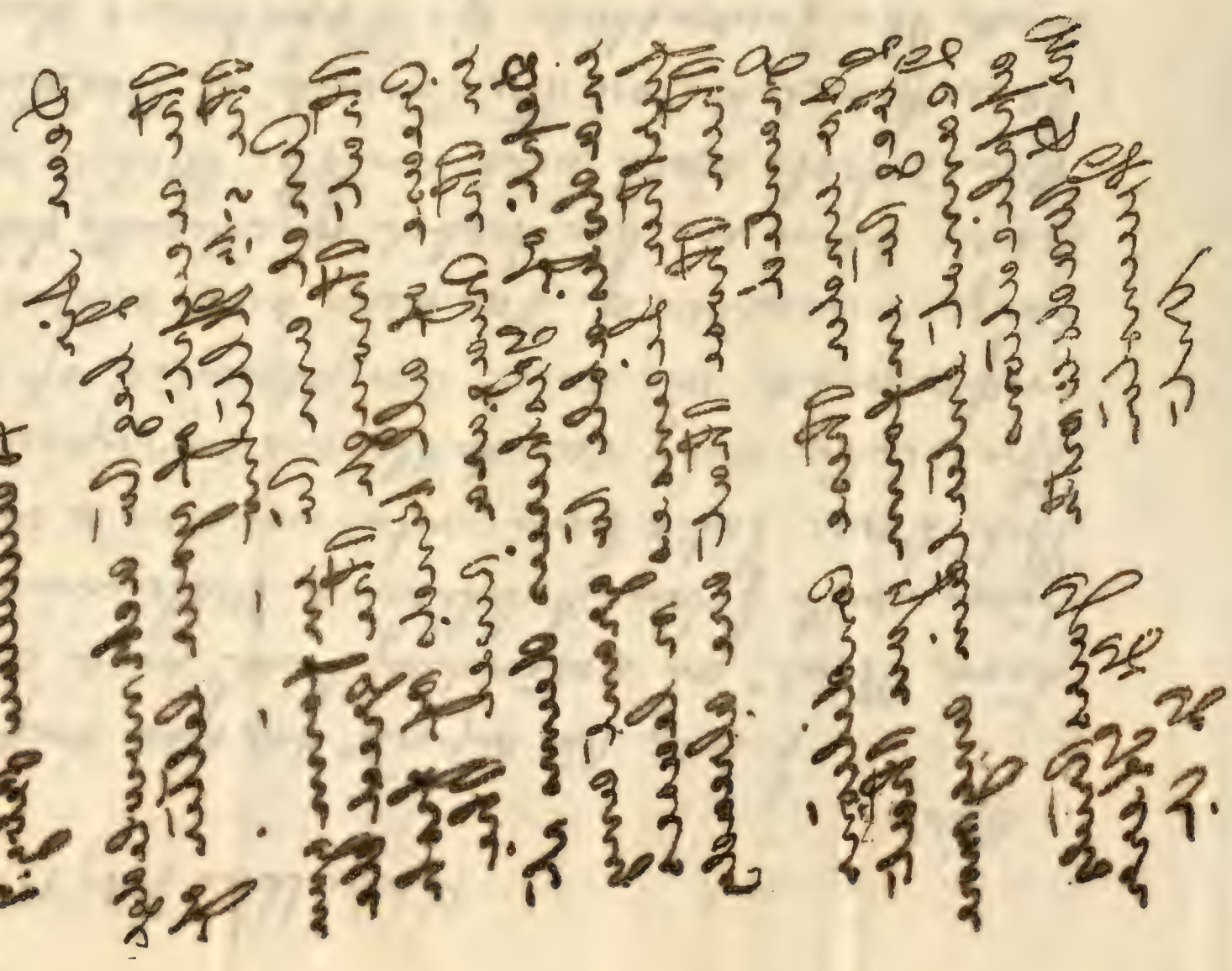
My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 26, transmitting the Memorandum of Conversation between Mr. Welles and Mr. Cruz, Chargé d'Affaires of Panama, and Mr. Alfaro, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Panama, on the subject of the Panama Canal Treaty.

I have read this memorandum with great interest. I am in complete accord with the views expressed therein by Mr. Welles. I am also in accord with the views of Mr. Alfaro. I think that this matter should be handled with great caution.

Should you wish me to do so, I shall be glad to discuss this matter with the President in order to obtain his views.

Sincerely yours,



Hamilton Feby 4 1890

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of
the 5th Ultimo

And am to inform you
that through the great de-
crease of all kinds of fish
in the Niagara River the
Dept of Fisheries deems it
inadvisable to grant any
further Licenses or leases
than those that are already
granted

So under these conditions
I beg to inform you that
I cannot entertain any more
applications

Mr D Wadsworth
Queenston
Ont

Yours Truly
F. Kerr
Y. O.

Hamilton Feby 14th 1890

Sir

I beg to report for your information that on Saturday last in a conversation with John. S. Allen a Fisherman of Port Dover Lake Erie, who was on a visit to this City very candidly and impressively informed me and complained of the large number of Farmers and others who have been in the habit of illegally fishing White fish Gill nets in the Waters of Lake Erie fronting on the County of Haldimand and the Township of Woodhouse during the Past Season without a License he also contends that they fished for the above fish during the Close season for the same. without any restraint whatever He also called my attention to the fact of some of this illegal fishing being Carried on for a numbers years Past Mentioned one Man in Particular named Timothy ~~Wood~~ Cline of Woodhouse he says has been fishing without a license for three years Past

Of Course I have only Mr Allen word for this information but I have no doubt in my mind that its only too true from other Sources and Rumours that have come to me from time to time for some time Past. I know for a fact that that White Fish were caught in that

that

That Lobsterly during the Close season and peddle all over the Country Thereby one man fined for in the Town of Jordan for selling whole fish during the past Close season and which I reported to the Dept at the time of occurence the 2nd December last 1869 And as I could not get any definite information from the delinquent at the time he was fined only he bought them from a party boarding Dunville and ever since that time I have been looking out for information which I now send you for your consideration & attention

All of which is submitted with due respect

To the Deputy Minister Fishery Dept Ottawa

I remain Sir your Obedient Servant
Fred. Ware
Fishery Overseer

1890

Hamilton July 14th

Dear Sir

After a good deal of trouble and delay in regard to Them two Post Office orders That you gave me when in your Office in getting letters and certificates of Consent from Messrs Bagley & Balbon and Chas Biall That the money was was intended for my late father &c &c I was informed yesterday by one of the P.O. Officials That the Post master General in reply to the application says he will accept the orders by sending them to him and he will turn them over to the order of the Receiver General for the Province

Sept

after my Mother placed her signature on the papers

Do you think this plan will be satisfactory or would it be better for me to send them to you after first being signed and your attested to them shewn there as I clearly proven to there satisfaction what the money was intended for

Please Answer

J. L. Webster Esq
Victoria B.C.

Yours Truly
Jno. Yerra

1870

Hannibal July 12th

Dear Sir

I [illegible] your letter in reference to the [illegible] Bank of this city and have given your name as one willing to [illegible] in [illegible] Bank [illegible] of Missouri [illegible] I believe that [illegible] shall [illegible] the money [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Hamilton Feby. 14th 1890

Sir

I beg most respectively to apply to you for the permission of employing a man to assist me in the capacity of Boatman & constable for the waters of Burlington Bay during the Spring he be Granted the sum of $1.00 & expenses per day from time to time as when services are required by me

I might also inform you that the Spearing of Pike & Bass on the above Bay has been a complete failure this winter on account of no ice and muddy Water and in consequence of this there has been no attempt to fish and therefore I have collected no license fees as yet as the thin ice which has lately formed over the Bay at present may break up at any time. I want to be prepared for any illegal net fishing or other contravention of the fishery Act

All of which is respectively submitted for your consideration and approval

I have the honor to be
Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred'k Greer
Fishery Warden

To the Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

Hamilton Feby 14 1894

Sir

I beg to report and draw your attention to the fact of the General and loud complaints made by various Fish Dealers and others as to the small size Ciscoes Herring being shipped and sold and caught during the winter and spawning season in most all the various fishing stations surrounding the waters of Lake Ontario in consequence of using small mesh Gill nets - - - - -

Some of the fish that I observe myself I do consider rather small the Fishermen I am glad to say have done exceptional well this winter being a very mild season and with a large catch they have almost overstocked the market and in the meantime have suffered no loss of nets &c through storms &c - - - -

I understand it is rumoured that the Dept has taken steps to increase the mesh of Gill nets for Ciscoes Herrings if so would kindly inform me of such action

All of which is submitted with due respect -

I have the honor
To the Deputy Minister To be Sir
Fisheries Dept Your Obt Sert
Ottawa

No 1

Hamilton

Sir

In compliance with your request and in obedience to your order dated the 20th Ultimo No. 1916 9a asking for a special report on whether it would be injurious to the Fisheries to allow Ira Daniel Young to fish three Pound Nets relinquished by C W Gaultheir on the waters of Lake Erie fronting on the County of Elgin in the Township of Albion

I beg to submit herewith my report & evidence and judgement goes in reference to this matter after visiting the locality in question and to get all the necessary information upon which to make an exact report are as follows

In the first place my opinion is that all Pound Nets should be limited and curtailed as much as possible and sooner the better for the interest of the Fisheries of Lake Erie in general. I cannot agree with Fishery Overseer McMichael where he says and states in his letter to the Dept dated the 24th May last and recommends 5 Pound Nets for Ira Young and if not granted as he was loosing and had lost money &c and depended on fishing for a livelyhood. I might state here that Ira Young possesses a splendid farm and well stocked close by his fisheries. Then the

When the states against that a number of the Pound net Fishermen will have to quit or give up fishing. that on account of the scarcity of fish but owing to the large quantity caught they being not able to dispose of them to advantage so as Now for this very reason I contend and advocate that the Pound net Fishery should be curtailed and limited as much as possible not more than three Pound nets for each Fisherman or firm, and grant no licence for more than the above number. if a system of this kind was introduced then the Fisherman would have ample opportunity to sell there fish at a reasonable and fair prices and would not glutten the market and in my opinion a restriction of this kind would work with good effect both with the Fisherman and dealers — — For I contend and I do not think that I can for one way that to fish any more than the above number is not prejudicial or necessary even some of the Fishermen themselves admits that mistake that is fishing too many nets and being able to dispose of the fish to advantage and profit. and the consequence of overfishing is a great loss and waste of fish and money to the fishermen who naturally fall behind with his payments and then tries to rectify himself by engaging in fishing more nets to almost load like

Like they were cutting there own throats
by a William Allan a Scotch
Fish. Fisherman from the neighbourhood
of Port Dover Lake Erie a man of some
experience informed me last summer
during a conversation that there Pound
nets was all that could be attended to
and required all their attention to save
and ship the fish in a proper condition
for market & of course it might make
some difference with those owning steamers
The trouble is that most all the Pound
Net Fishermen of Lake Erie ship there
fish to Buffalo and dispose of them
at a much lower rate than they would
to American Canadian Dealers, under these
Conditions the Pound Net Fisheries is of
little interest to the people of the Dominion
in a great many respects - - -
I cannot see why if the Dept deem it
advisable to grant the Leasing licenses for the
nets only that it is going to ruin the Catching
in the version of the letter of Mr a Browne
M.P. in his behalf, because in my opinion
in Keeping him to that number it will
certainly be an benefit to him as the
way he is situated having to learn his fish
some distance to acquire Railway facili-
ties and if a longer number of nets were
fished by him it would stand to reason
for that the Leasing would certainly
certainly

certainly sustain a much greater catch than at present. Still I am very much surprised at the assertions of Mr Mcmichael in saying that they were a great increase of fish it could not been for last year for any Pound net Fisherman that I have come in contact with assures one in the contrary of a large decrease in white fish and salmon trout and say that there is no money in the enterprise they mostly depend on the sturgeon fish for profit which kind of fish is sometime caught in very large quantities such as Sturgeon Pickerel Herring &c &c

I therefore submit this report for your consideration and to candidly inform you that as far as my experience and humble opinion goes with reference to Pound nets fishing in the waters of Lake Erie and this the opinion and information derived from others that in granting a license to Mr Daniel Laing to fish the nets relinquished by C W Gauthier would be certainly an injury to the fisheries in every detail even to the one himself and I honestly believe in the meantime giving Mr Laing due respect as a honest man being acquainted with him myself that if he is heavy in debt he will never redeem himself by fishing any more Pound nets than he has at present and doubly this time is come for the Dept to take steps to

Gradually limit the number of Nets used fishing in the waters of Lake Erie

In conclusion I might say that I have given you my experience and opinion in a fair a manner as possible feeling at the same that I have not done full justice to this matter being a little rusty for want of proper information which I certainly would have received if the Dept had seen fit to send me there

All of which is submitted with the respect

I have the Honor to be
Sir your
Obed't Servant
Fred'k Herr.
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

Hamilton Branch
1890
April 8th

Sir

I would also like to inform you that I have written to the Dept for a Launch but have not received any reply as yet. I would like very much to have one as I could do much better work in the Bay with one than I can with a row boat. I would also like to have a Net Reel as I could put out my nets much quicker than I can by hand. I would also like to have a Net Loom as I could make my own nets and mending much cheaper than I can get them done by others. I would also like to have a Net Needle as I could do my own mending. I would also like to have a Net Gauge as I could gauge my own nets. I would also like to have a Net Hook as I could hook my own nets. I would also like to have a Net Knife as I could cut my own nets. I would also like to have a Net Scissors as I could trim my own nets. I would also like to have a Net Thimble as I could protect my fingers when mending nets. I would also like to have a Net Awl as I could punch holes in my nets. I would also like to have a Net Needle Case as I could keep my needles in order. I would also like to have a Net Mending Kit as I could mend my nets when they get torn. I would also like to have a Net Repair Kit as I could repair my nets when they get damaged. I would also like to have a Net Storage Box as I could store my nets when not in use. I would also like to have a Net Drying Rack as I could dry my nets when they get wet. I would also like to have a Net Cleaning Kit as I could clean my nets when they get dirty. I would also like to have a Net Preservative as I could preserve my nets when they get old. I would also like to have a Net Dye as I could dye my nets when they get faded. I would also like to have a Net Marking Kit as I could mark my nets when they get lost. I would also like to have a Net Tagging Kit as I could tag my nets when they get lost. I would also like to have a Net Locating Device as I could locate my nets when they get lost. I would also like to have a Net Recovery Kit as I could recover my nets when they get lost. I would also like to have a Net Replacement Kit as I could replace my nets when they get lost. I would also like to have a Net Insurance Policy as I could insure my nets when they get lost. I would also like to have a Net Warranty as I could warrant my nets when they get lost. I would also like to have a Net Guarantee as I could guarantee my nets when they get lost. I would also like to have a Net Refund as I could refund my nets when they get lost. I would also like to have a Net Exchange as I could exchange my nets when they get lost. I would also like to have a Net Return as I could return my nets when they get lost. I would also like to have a Net Repair as I could repair my nets when they get lost. I would also like to have a Net Replacement as I could replace my nets when they get lost. I would also like to have a Net Insurance

Monsieur Mon très Cher Maître

1890

Mon très humble Hommage à

Mon très cher Maître

Monsieur

Hannibal Feb. 29th 1892

Sir.

In reference to a letter of the 24th inst. asking for information of the means of disposing of mill refuse without allowing or granting of tends the same

I have to inform you that the best course that I know of is to build a refuse furnace with a high tunnel which is about 100 ft long with a slope from the mill to the furnace about 1 in 4 - the tunnel should be 4 ft wide at the bottom and 6 ft high at the furnace end - the tunnel should be built of brick and arched over - the furnace should be built of brick and arched over with Elevators at the end of the furnace which carries all dust and refuse from the mill to the furnaces at the end of the tunnel - the furnaces should be connected with the mill by elevators - - -

I regret that the effect of dust on the fisheries in navigation of the rivers in this State have caused no complaints as to the mills along any rivers in this district there are quite a number of mills along the rivers in this locality none - -

Respectfully submitted
to the Superintendent of the Census Office
Washington D.C.

Yours truly
W. O.

Hamilton July 27th 1890

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft for the sum of $12.00 Twelve Dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount for License as follows for this current year 1890

1st Henry Shepherd Queenston for a license for Fish one seine one hundred yards long in the Section of the Public Waters of Niagara River from the wharf at Queenston to opposite the Black Horse Tavern fronting on the Township of Niagara County of Lincoln the ... fee sent herewith — — $10.00

2nd William Baker Hamilton for a license to spear Pike Bass & Herring in the open water of Burlington Bay and Dundas Marsh from the 16th of Nov 1889 until the 16th day of April 1890. the fee herewith sent $1.00

3rd E. Buscomb Hamilton $1.00

Total Amount herewith sent $12.00

I recommend that you be pleased to grant the above licenses

All of which is respectfully submitted

I have the Honor to be
Sir your obed.
Servant
Fred. Wm
Gaotsby D.

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

February 90

					Sent by Mail
21st	Wm Baker	Hay Leased	1	00	Draft 8 days sight
"	E. Buscombe	" "	1	00	Do Sept 2 days do
24th	H Pm Hertfordshire Lunatic Asylum		10	00	27th of Feb 1890
		Total Amt	12	00	

Lunatic Feb 90

Fred Page

Fred: Herr
Hamilton
the 1st January the 31st of February 90

Jan. 1st writing out monthly return and declarations for Dec. 1889 and January Cattle 1
4 At fish Market & writing some fishermen from Pra Beach 1
4 writing out applications for Sabrid Land Warrants Pensions and other Cattle 1
13 writing offered Letter and answering Letters 1
16 writing and answering private Letters 1
18 writing a report in Pencil on a application for Pension Riderway and three Letters 1
22 off to Northcliffe Head & Depuch Island between there Guards and Port Hedland on fishing matters being expedited from Home by H.M. Catherine Bur 15 Steel Barque at 1 @ £12.0 8 9 6
24 writing to the Dept Cruisers, private Letter 1
27 down at Burlington Beach on fishery matters my own H.B. miles 20 Dep 4 days at Depot 2.0 2 5 0

Feb 1 writing & answering private Letters and down at the fishermen Market 1
3 made out monthly return as Private Letters 1
5 writing & answering private Letters 1
6 " " " " 1
8 down at the fishermen Market 1
11 down at Burlington to meet Persons Sergeant with Dep. and fishery matters 4 days 5-0 Steel down and up at Beacon 5-0 Steel 1
12 down at Burlington Receipts Cashing 15 1 10 0 4 10

Fred! Herr

Burnsville
The 1st January The 31st of February 90

15 170 $ 7 70

after Spearers H.B 16 miles $2.00 Dinner & Horse feed
at Morrison Hotel 5-0 1 10 2 50

18 Left Co Cayuga on information received of
illegal Spearing and Netting on the Lakes and reported
ments by Penetang 2.20 Dinner exp. at Barker Hotel 5-0 1 Day 60 2 70

19 Down at Big Station & met J. Allen of Port Dover
on Fishing Business 1H3 miles to Dal Hotel 5-0 1H3 12 2 00

19 Drawing Letter and making report to Dept 1

21 Left on H Bay found 2 men Spearing Carp
32:00 from the Dame H.B 12 miles 5-0 Rice Hotel 1H3 20 2 00

25 Making out report on Pound nets for Dept 1

26 Fenwick report 1

27 Making a report on Dave Mulloder 1

Postage Stamps 1 00
Telegram re 100 Trout for Port Erie 26
for Paints and Painting and repairing and carting Boat in preparing her for the Spring Season $1.50 Services of the Painter $3.00 two days Painter ex 5-0 5 00

23 278 $23 16

Fred. Herr

Fred. Herr.

Hamilton March 1st 1891

Sir

I beg most respectfully to submit to your Honour for your consideration and approval my account and expenditure incurred by me during my active service in the Province for the months January and February the Amount is $ 2.16 which I hope your will remit as soon possible as I will require the money in fitting up the Drum Head Schedule as ordered by the Dept and I am Sir your obt Servt

Respectfully Submitted

Jamain Sir your

To the Deputy Minister Gentlemt Obedt

Militia dept. Jno. Kerr

Ottawa Hamilton Ontario

1890

Hamilton March 3

Friend Bolton

As it is some time since I visited Niagara I would like to hear from you how things are getting along I have been engaged for some time past in settling the Pound nets Question in Lake Erie The Dept are making strong efforts to discourage this mode of fishing and I am backing them up to the best of ability ~~on~~ are making reports of about a yard long &c &c Would you kindly inform me if Wagner is fishing or intends to fish on his ground because if he does I must be prepared in advance The men on Burlington Beach have done capital in the Geese fishing this winter which has been a splendid season so far They are a great scarcity and a famine in ice here The Bay being hardly frozen over They are shipping from Barrie I expect to be down shortly now as I think its about time that I should take a tour around my old District

Jno Johnston Bolton Niagara

Yours truthfully
H Klein
Fishery Overseer.

1890

Hannibal Mo. Feb 3

Miss Ella Allen

Dear Friend

I received your kind letter some time ago but have been so busy that I have not had time to write before now. I am very sorry that you have been sick but hope that you are well and enjoying yourself this winter. We are having very pleasant weather now. Mr. Hall has been very sick with the grippe but is now able to be out. Mr. Hall has been very sick with the grippe but is now able to be out. Mr. Hall has been very sick with the grippe but is now able to be out

Hamilton Feby 24th 1890

This 24th day of feb 1890 Came into The hands of Jno Burns of The Hamilton Post Office Money Dept The Post offices orders calling for The sum of $105:00 to forward The same to The Post master General at Ottawa to pay to Receiver General to The Credit of The Fishery Dept

One order for $100.00 was prayed by Messrs Nagle and Balsom at Jayconnell Post office on The 7th of May in The year 1888 for a Pound net License and The Balance to $5.00 was paid by Chas Vidall at Port Erie P.O. for a Boat License at The death of The Late Overseer Fleckers These orders was sent down to The Fishery Dept at Ottawa along with others papers monies &c unsigned and was not signed There until Last Dec and was given to me by J. A. Webster of The Account Branch Fishery Dept to have The administratrix of The Late Inspector estate to sign them which was done on The 24th ultimo ordering The payments of The same

Dated 24th feb 1890

Signed

Fred Flecker

Fishery Overseer

Hamilton March 5th 1890

Sir

I beg leave to send you an application from J. Reff & Son of Humberstone to have his license extended for his steamer Beaulieu on the waters of Lake Erie — — —
Mr Reff request me to bring before you. notice the necessity of granting this application

I might say in regard to that interference that Mr Reff is a very deserving man I also found him very obliging and gentlemanly last summer when engaged by me to assist me in saving the American nets he leaving his work at his foundry without the least hesitation both he and his son not for the money he obtained but for the Fishery Dept I was to assist in putting a stop to the infringements of the Americans I also found the steamer a very serviceable boat being strong and of good speed and seaworthy in every detail and as I may require his assistance again during the coming season I would therefore strongly recommend that if it lies in the power of this Dept to do so to grant Mr Reff & son their request and application

Respectfully Submitted
I remain Sir your
Obedient Servant
Inspector

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries dept
Ottawa

1890

Hamilton March 6th

Dear Sir

Yours of the 3rd Inst. Enclosing the sum of $6.75 duly received which many thanks send down to the Dept immediately asking the Minister to excuse the case and let you off at the above sum

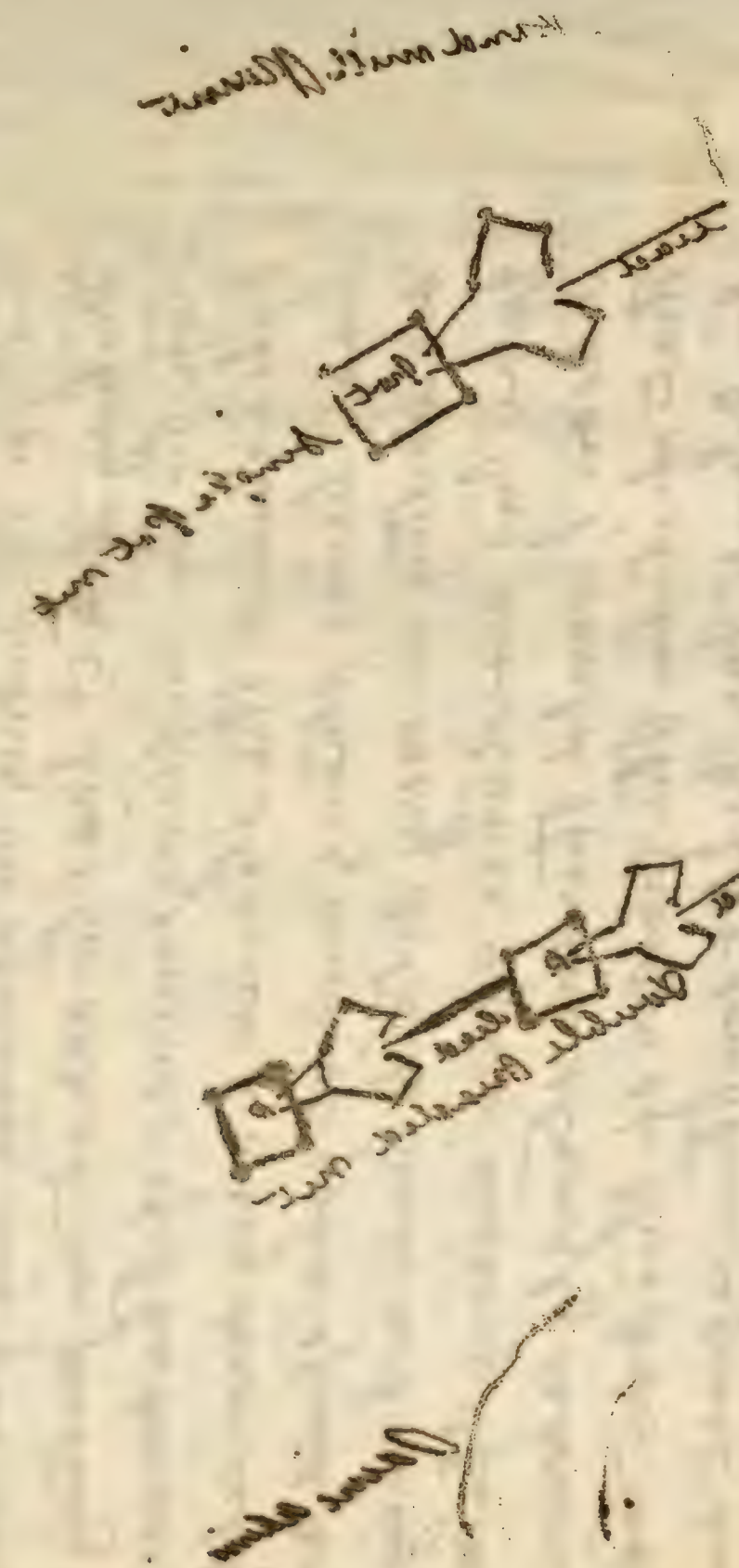
The Dept severely reprimanded me in the early part of the year for not collecting the money at once I had to make a statement of the case explaining everything in your favor I have nothing about it since & I think it will be alright

I do hope that you will keep after ensuing times this year

Yours Truly
P. J. Allan
Arrangora.

Believe me
Yours Obed
P. J. Allan





Hamilton. March 7th 1890

Sir

I beg leave to apply to you for the following licenses for this current year. 1890

1st William Scott Ridgeway for a license to fish three Pound nets one single net or head and one double head or two nets in a string to be fished in the waters of Lake Erie between wind Mill Point and Point Abino fronting on the Township of Bertie County of Welland the license fee for the same to be $ 5-0.00 for each net total amt $15-0.00 The same as last year — — — —

2nd Mrs Jane Elliot Niagara for a license to fish two seines in the waters of Lake Ont. area between Kennedy Hollow and Rousseaus Wharf Niagara River 120 yds and 250 yds respectively Legal while fish seine to be changed to Herring Centre when it is required The fee to be the same as last year $ 15-00

The above money be paid when licenses are delivered

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant those applications

I herewith send you a rough sketch of the position of which Van Scott nets are placed and fished

Respectively submitted

I remain Sir your obedient Servant Fred Gisborne Agent Dom Fisheries

To The Deputy Minister Fisheries Dept Ottawa

Hamilton March

Dear Sir

As the time is arriving to take out license for seine hauling, dont you think it would be better to secure your license at once so as to put an stop to any grumbling in fact were it your to decide please send your application accompanied with the fees & discription of limits & one and I will try and get you a license for Beer in mind I will not allow any fishing with seines in the Jordan with out the proper Authority

Let me hear from you as soon as possible

Yours Respectfully

J. Harmon Jordan Road

Hamilton March 1900

Dear Sir

I observe by the Toronto papers that the Government are about to purchase and ship a lot of Two rowed Barley from the Old Country for seeding purposes to be distributed fair among the Farmers for experiment. If so I would like to get a sample of it

What steps would I have to take to obtain it our farm is a splendid one for growing Barley so I think it would be well to give it a trial

Hoping that you are enjoying good Health

I remain yours

Yours Truly

J. C. [illegible]

Yr Mr Carpenter M.P.

Ottawa

Hamilton March 7th 1904

Sir

I beg to report for your information that on yesterday the 11 instant in company with Boatman Wm Rousseau I proceeded to the east end of Burlington Bay and in a open space of water fronting what is known as Harkins Inlet, I found and seized about 5-00 yards of Pike gill nets illegally fishing in the above water which nets contained a few bass and perch the ice being in a very rotten condition therefore dangerous in the vicinity where the nets were set which caused me much trouble to secure them but eventually succeeded procuring a small skiff belonging to Thos Jones and rowing at once to the ice until I came to the water and got them all with out any mishap

Respectfully Submitted

To the Deputy Minister Fisheries Dept Ottawa

Ihr gehorsamer Diener

1890

Hamilton, March 12th

Sir

I beg leave to make application in behalf of William Heard Fisherman at Port Dalhousie for a license to fish 10,000 yards of ciscoes Herring Gill net with the means of a small Steam Tug on the open waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Lincoln for this current year 1890.

He to be charged the sum of twenty dollars for the above Privilege or what the Dept. Considers a stipulated fee Mr Heard has expended about $1000.00 in erecting this Boat so as to be able to ship the fish to the City of Toronto he is a very energetic man and I would recommend that you be pleased to grant this application

All of which is respectfully submitted for your Kind Consideration

I remain Sir Your Obedient Servant

To the Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

Wm. Kerr
Fishery Overseer

Hamilton March 12 1890

Dear Sir

I have received no word as yet from the Dept in answer to your application and you Know I am powerless to make a report on nothing you may say when I never saw your application as there is nothing before me. I am in receipt of your telegram and I am not satisfied in your application and must report same to the Dept again

I would advise you if you do not get to work and get application ready for them. They think you have done so little. I suppose you got the application forms and did you deliver it to each Inspector a verbal application as soon as I have the proper Authority I will do all that lies in my power for you but at present I can do nothing you had better write the Dept telling them how things are situated any way these kind of things must take time sometimes papers lie a long time at the office before sent to me

If you make up your mind to send me the application by and place it in the same shape as the one you sent down stating the limits &c &c. and I will look it over and if I decide to look over the locality before reporting I will let you know

J. S Allen Esq
Port Dover

Yours Truly
Jarvis Hare
Justice of Peace

1890
1891

Hamilton March

Dear Sir

Yours of the 12th ultimo duly received I beg to inform you that the license fee must be paid in advance before license be granted and I would advise you if possible to send the money at once as I have received several applications for the same fishing ground

Your Obt Servt
Robt

Yours Truly
Jas McHerr
Fishery Inspector

1890

Hamilton March 13th

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th ultimo containing a Bank Draft for $150.00 and am to inform you that the Dept has not sent me your license yet but as soon as granted I will forward

Your Obt Servt
Robt Scott
Bailiff

Yours Truly
J. McHerr
Fishery Inspector

1900
12 11

Assemblée générale

Chers Amis

Nous avons l'honneur de vous convoquer à notre prochaine Assemblée générale ordinaire qui aura lieu le Samedi 17 Janvier à 8 heures du soir au Restaurant Schmitz, Place de la Gare, à Luxembourg, avec l'ordre du jour suivant:

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Le Président
Paul Weber

Le Secrétaire
Charles Schmit

Hamilton March 14th 1890

Sir

I beg leave to send you herewith Bank Draft No for the sum of one Hundred and Fifty Six $156.00 - - -

Would you be pleased to apply this amount for licenses for this current year 1890 as follows - - - -

1st William Scott Ridgeway for a license to fish three Pound Nets one single header Bar and one Double Head net in that portion of the waters of Lake Erie between Wood Mill Point and Point Abino forming the Township of Bertie County of Welland the fee sent herewith - - - $150.00

2nd Robert Curtis Burlington Beach for a Boat license to fish 1200 yards of Herring Bill Net in that portion of the waters of Lake Ontario from the Canal Reserve to running north to opposite the Old outlet Burlington Beach Co herewith the fee sent $ 5.00

3rd John Bamberger Flamboro for a license to spear Pike Bass & Herring in the waters of Burlington Bay & Dundas Marsh until the 1st of April 1890. - The fee sent $ 1.00

Total Amount sent $156.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above licenses

Please forward the licenses that I applied for on Feb 21st as they are wanting about them

Respectfully submitted

I Remain for your Obedient Servt

Fred Kerr M.P.

for Hon Chas Drury Minister Marine & Fisheries Ottawa

Hamilton March 15th 1891

Dear Sir I beg to inform you that the Marine Dept at Ottawa in relative to my appeal for the retention of your services for the Steam Yacht Neptune have notified me to the effect that the Dept. can not interfere with the certificate of the Inspector so in that case I am afraid cannot assist you any the further than that I am in Port Colborne I would like to do

I. Inft. Sir
Your obedient
Servt

Yours Truthfully
Fred Page
Insp. Hull

Hamilton March 20th 87

Sir

I beg to report for your information that on the 14th Inst. when passing through Dunnville on my way to Port Maitland in a conversation with several Gentlemen residents of that Town that in view of the protection and propogation of the fish in the Grand River which Lapse seems to engage very much attention at present especially in the neighbourhood of Dunnville. After hearing the complaints and fully considering the matter I would make the following suggestion

At present there is some 5 or 6 Seines fishing between the feeder at Dunnville and Port Maitland license by Forster Macrae which nets I presume catch a large number fish especially Pickerel & Bass &c I would. therefore recommend and suggest for your Consideration and approval that all seine hauling be discontinued immediately after the 15th of April the Close season for Pickerel & Bass. for this reason at the time in question two thirds of the fish caught are Pickerel & Bass and after. as a young fisherman remarked the Pickerel & Bass are thrown back in the river again there is nothing left for profit and I believe it would be a benefit to the fisherman as well to the fisheries &c &c

I am Sir Your Obedient Servant Jas. Herbert

To the Deputy Minister of Fisheries Dept of Marine Ottawa

No 1

Hamilton, March 8th 9

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 1st Ultimo in reference to an application of Capt. J. S Allen of Port Dover for the privilege of fishing four Pound Net in the waters of Lake Erie in the neighbourhood of Port Maitland at or near the mouth of the Grand River fronting on the Government Reserve — — —

I therefore beg to report that on the 14th instant to make myself perfectly acquainted with the facts in question and to ascertain any objection that may arise in case of this request being granted. I took the liberty on the above date to proceed to the place and examine and made all the necessary enquiries pertaining to the matter of allowing such privileges asked by Mr. Allen for which I found a great deal of objections which will now be set out as follows.

In the first place I met Mr Allan and the neighbourhood who pointed out to me the situation where the nets like to have the nets placed and the most safe of the Harbour there is no place a spot but one where a net would stand that is about a half a mile from the mouth of the River where there is a channel for the fleet of the shore boats

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on the east side of Harbour the [illegible] would be ½ of a mile away from mouth of River. The coast here is so situated as to form a kind of Bay Makeweek Point on the east and another Point on the west The fish coming into the River for the purpose of spawning generally rounds these Promontorys and follows in along the shores and enters the Harbour then ascends up the River

Therefore it is my opinion and I do consider that if the said Pound nets are permitted to be fished in that particular locality asked for. Would certainly and invariably cause a serious obstruction to the most various kinds of fish who annually visit and frequent and ascend the waters of the Grand River for the purpose of depositing their spawn. I might state here that this fact alone should be seriously considered by the Dept., But however I will go on The Grand River is generally admitted and is known to be one of the best rivers and in fact the only River on the south shore of Lake Erie for the Breeding spawning and propagation of those kinds of fish who usually inhabit rivers who annually visit This particular river in millions. And it would naturally follow if obstruction in the shape of Pounds

Pound Nets would prevent numbers of the fish of gilling to their destruction if not altogether stop them which I would consider would be detrimental to the Fisheries in general - - -

I might say at present there are two Seine Hauling Grounds on the east and west side of the Harbour or Mouth of River licensed at present by Chas Bois & Jones & Liddell which if Mr. Allen request is granted would throw seriously afflict and interfere very much with this valuable Salmon Net Fishery which I would not like to see destroyed as it is a great benefit to the people of the surrounding Country

In speaking with several in Council as to what effect it would have in regard to the encouragement of the Pound Nets where to be placed and the answer was it would certainly be an interference to a certain extent I myself have not the least doubt about it as I think the Capt request is very unreasonably as to the limits he defines. as I consider decidedly the Mouth of the River for the interest protection of Fisheries as well as navigation if the application from some other locality I dont think it would be to strong objections that now discharged. And however

matter Above referred to I take into consideration which before we make any very careful in recommending any application for Boat made in the County of Donegal I should state that a very large signed Petition are at present being circulated in the Town of Donegal and County of Mayo to be sent To the Hon.ble Minister Fisheries asking and soliciting That all Trawl nets be discontinued in the County of Donegal and this Petition so I am inform is mainly got up by Cry Knock and one Crawford who fishes for the Buffalo fish Company in the above Dist. In my opinion of the said Company biggest Curse we have in the County in regard to our Fisheries

In Conclusion I might state that there is one man that I have a higher or better opinion of. than Capt. J. H. Allen Considered a very estimable man by all Those has a Fishery Officer with the interest of the Fisheries at Heart can not conscientiously or fully recommend or agree to this application for Boat Owners Nets especially at this particular time and the mouth of the Gweedore River for Sandhills spreading for the Herring on Inquiry To the Fisheries in general if

were grounded but at the same time
I hereby submit to you my reasons & grounds
and the chief objections and leave them
upon record for your own Judgement and
Consideration any conclusion upon you may
come to I am quite satisfied as I have
honestly laid the matter before you
therein

All of which is respectively submitted
with due respect

I have the Honor to
To the Deputy Minister be Sir
of Fisheries Dept Your Obd Servt
Ottawa

Hammonds Plains March 21

Dear Sir

I beg to inform you that
answer to your application for a second
license of the n.w. ½ of Sec 1 for to fish
in what is known as Konele Creek I
Dept at Ottawa has decided to cancel
the lease of Daniel Leybrook for the
1890
Yours Respectfully
Jno G. B. Rodgers
Hammonds Plains
N.S.

Sir

I beg to report for your information that on the 16th Instant when passing Sorrento on my way to Port Mac- conversation with several Gentlemen of the Town that in view of the protec- the propagation of the Fish in the Ri- River which appears to require some attention at present especially in the Sea- Shoalwood of Sorrento after hearing the opin- ions and the matter thoroughly consider- I promised to bring the matter before the Dept after fully considering it myself I would therefore make the following sugges- tion

At present there is some fine Sea Salmon fishing in the ground River be- tween the Bridge at Sorrento and Port- Mouton and owned by Messrs McCrea- mith Henderson and catch a large quantity of fish principally Mackerel & Bass Sorrento recommend on this fact and suggest rules fact be now observed and consideration that all Seine Hauling be discontinued in the river immediately after the 15th April the close season for Mackerel & Bass- mark except the simple reason at the time the Shoals of the fish Brought are Mackerel or Bass and the Net- of Herring and after is used

during the close season the [illegible]
Parrown backs in the river there is not
oh of other fish to make it Pay and the
many matters are now. it only encourages
to break the Law as one Fisherman remarked
Jones remarked he believed it would be
a benefit to the Fishermen as well as
the Fish which I fully endorse as it is impos
ble for the Overseer to be on hand at all time
when the fishermen are Hauling to see that
these kind of fish which comes under the Law
are put back again in the river as their
operation sometimes injures the fish to great
extent as numbers are found dead &c
in the vicinity of the Hauling ground

All of which is submitted with due
respect

I remain Sir your
obedient Servant
Fred. Gt Carr
Overseer

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

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Private

1890
Hamilton March 22

My Dear Sir

I mailed the report on Allens application yesterday which I hope will be satisfactory to you. I am almost bothered to death with Allen in regard to the matter. He is a mighty decent fellow. He was down here today to see me & wanted to know what I said in my report I told him I put the matter in a fair square way and he would probably hear of the result soon. He feels quite confident of getting the privilege I told him not to be in a hurry. He has gone so far to see his son Montague is backing him for all his worth I don't think it would be so particular if this request does for any other Ry Co. I

I seem old age creeping when I was in Danville I was in very feeble health hardly able to leave of his chair. His son wants to be his successor one of the hardest beats in Down he want to step into the old man shoes before he is dead. There was a gentleman down here to see me from the Co. of Essex named Jos. Loop probably you have heard of him & he wanted me to recommend him. I found Mrs

1840
Nov 23

Hannibal Monday

My dear King

I received the en-
closed application
yesterday morning & I
have not
time enough to write
much else.
I sign
the petition, for it is a
very deserving fellow. He was
driver here for many years
previous to Mr Hannibal taking them
in my employ & I take mine &
part the trouble in a great a
degree more than usual
Charlotte has been quite ill
for the last week, but is so
much better this morning
that I hope she will be
quite well in a few days
Mrs Bowling & Laura
join me in love to you
We have spare room for the Miss

Dear Sir

I received your letter
& petition in favor of
Edward Hannibal & would have
attended to your request
sooner but was out of
town.

Edward Hannibal is a very deserving
boy & I take much pleasure
in recommending him to
the favorable notice of
Gentlemen desirous of
employing a Driver
Yours truly

Hamilton March 18 1880

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that the Fishery Dept. in answer to your application for a license for your Steam Tug for fishing purposes has been pleased to grant the same at the fee of $20.00 which money please remit to me as soon as possible & oblige

Tell the old man that I've got that Basket of fish for that he promised me nearly Year ago.

Yours Truly

William Hamel

Fisherman

Port Dalhousie

Jas Gleeson

Fishy Protector

at Wheatley Bay but I declined he told me some strange things how the Pound nets Fisheries was carried on in the County of Essex under the supervision of the Fishery Overseer there he wanted me to report it but I declined that also request also I just thought I would let you know this little things Hoping to hear from you

Dr P Bascell Esq Yours respectfully

Fisheries Dept

Jas Gleeson

Fishery Overseer

Hamilton March 24/1890

Sir

I have the honor to send yous herewith Bank Draft No — for the sum of Ten Dollars $10.00 — — —

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount for licenses for this current year 1890 as follows

1st David Sybrook Beamsville for a license to fish one seine 80 yds long in or at the mouth of Konkle Creek Lake Ontario Township of Clinton County of Lincoln The fee to be the same as last year herewith sent $5.00

2nd Richard Gilbert Jordan for a license to fish a dem ark seine at the Beach opposite the mouth of the 20 mile Creek Commencing at the Outlet and running east 500 yards in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Township of South County of Lincoln The fee herewith sent — $5.00

Total Amount sent $10.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above licenses applied for — Would you be pleased to inform me whether your Dept received Bank Draft No 85 for the sum of $156.00 which I remitted on the 14th inst for licenses in the names of Wm Scott $150.00 Robert Curtis $5.00 and John Bamberger $1.00 I have received Scotts license but no acknowledgment of the Draft

Respectively Submitted

The Deputy Minister Speaker's Dept

Yours &c

Your obed Servt

other alternative but to see that the Law as laid down is carried out accordingly Chiefs Towns of Cayuga is instructed to report any illegal proceedings that the observers

Mr Wm. Prouchey
York P O
Haldimand Co.

Yours respectfully
Fred. Gerer
Fishery Inspector

1890
Hamilton March 2.92.

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter of the 22 Ultimo. I beg to inform you that the intentions of the Hon.ble minister of Fisheries is to stop all kinds of fishing nets and the spearing of fish in the waters of the Grand River above the Feeder at Dunnville and on Considering the advisability of discontinuing the use of nets below that point so under these ~~Considerations~~ circumstances its impossible for me to attempt to do anything in your behalf as to your request I know it seems hard but you will please observe that I have no-

1890

Honolulu Hawaii Nov 1st.

Dear Sir

We answer the query
letter of the 29 Ultimo. We
the undersigned upon Hawaii the writer
hereof of the Hon: Honolulu of
Hawaiian is to stop all Power
of Attorneys until over the Power
ing of Death in the Absence of
the Owner Owner above Hawaii
Hereby of Honolulu Great on
Governing the ordinance of
of Ordinance The use of
said Island Hawaii Govern-
ment Hereby Hereby
impossible for me to attempt
to do any Thing in your behalf
be in your employ If Power be-
Come Power but your Publica-
te observe Hawaii & Power ow-

Mr. Ou. Hawaiian
Mark P. O.
Hawaiian Islands

Yours Truly
Wm. Ou. Hawaiian
Chairman Director

2/4/1890

Hamilton March

Thomas Evans

I received an note from young Provencher of York the other day asking for a limit or permission to fish with Dip nets for those fish that dont come under the Law &c &c -- In my answer to him I informed him that the intention of the Dept was to discontinue all nets and spearing of fish in the Grand Rivers - I cond I had no alternative but to carry out the Law as laid down I also told him that you was instructed to report any illegal proceedings that comes under your notice please

Keep a sharp look out for in
Truckers and any time you
think my assistance or pres
ence is required let me
know and I will try and
be on hand and give them
another asking over the Hon.
minister has to inform me
and call my attention to the
regulation lately passed which
requires that before taking
legal proceedings for alleged
violations of the Act, I am
to forward to the dept the evid
ence obtained the nature of offence
to be on the receipt of this information
will be then instructed as to
what course to pursue. of course
this does not prevent imposing
fines ... view etc when person
ally
aware of a violation of any
regulation and have the offen
der before me. We are also
given more power in the
Magistrate line. I just thought
I would give you these few points
in case you did not get them
before I believe this Rounchey
is up to something keep a eye on
him
Your fellows done up
Coulter in great shape.
Hoping to see you soon as I
would like to have a talk
with you
Please answer and let
me know anything wrong that
I am going on.

Yours Truly
Jno Chas Evans
Cayuga

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Cayuga

Yours Truly
Jno Chas Evans
Cayuga

Private

A P Bowell Esq
Fishery Dept Ottawa

1890

Hamilton March 29th

My Dear Sir

I am well pleased to hear that the Allan report is satisfactory to you, - but I am more than pleased were your self to about thinking of recommending to the Minister the necessity of sending me on prospecting tour among the Pound Nets on Lake Erie - - If you could manage a couple of special Passes for me during the course of the year it would be a great help for us when we go in to Buffalo on that $100.00 on my Salary - - I hear that old Sharpe of Port Dover is awful mad with me for reporting about white fish being caught in the ships of Woodhouse during season - - He says the [illegible] young Snipe which is the [illegible] about fish anywhere I was caught in the bay on Burlington Bay on the last when grapling for nets in Boat and had a most awful time of it I thought time it was all up with us but thanks the Lord and by good management and seamanship we manage to get to shore safe and the waves was mountains high After Lent & Easter times I would you like a small keg of Haskins best Malaga wine that I have sample that I hope to present on wedding when I become eligible

Yours truly
Jas Reed

Memo:

Dear Mary Ann

I am well pleased to hear that the Allen affair is satisfactorily over. But I am more than pleased that you have had the courage to stand through the unpleasantness of the last few days. I know that it has been a great strain on you, but I am sure that you will be happier in the end for having done so. I have always had a great admiration for your pluck, and I am glad that you have proved yourself worthy of it.

Yours affectionately

March 90

Sent by Bank Draft No 368 to the dept on the 8th March 90 for the sum of £15-6-0

March 24th Lt. Jno Devitt Paymaster 150 0 0
" " Robert Curtis Boatswain 5 0 0
" " John Bannerman Gunner 5 0 0

Sent by Bank Draft No 344 to the dept on the 24th March 90 the sum of £810-0-0

March 24 Lt. Wm Lybrand Lieutenant 5 0 0
" " Richd. Gilbert Lieutenant 5 0 0

Wm. Lab. Asst. Sent Clerking Off. £166.00 Month of March

Hamilton 8 March 90

Read: Wm Hamilton

Fred: Heron

Hamilton

Hon. 10th

Off Port Dalhousie 31st March 90

March 10th Writing out monthly report and despatches (papers)
" 3 Writing and answering letters 1
" 5 " " " " 1
" 6 making out & applications for staff of Steamer 1
" 10 off Port Dalhousie (to enquire about a
fishing Jetty destroyed by some Canal fishermen
By fare & Life fees Rodgers $1.0 ofn HD Jetty destroyed 1
to Port Dalhousie Bus 20 cts Dinner & ref: at Murray House 50 cts $1.70 3 6.50

" 11 Down at Burlington Bay with Boatmen Rousseau
passing fill nets &c and after Hay on NB 3 miles 15c
$1.60 paid Rousseau $1.00 Dinner at Bay Hotel 25 cts 1 NB 15c 2 75c

" 12 Writing & answering letters

" 14 down at B. Beach Thurs & Kerr found on
report received of nets having been in Canal found
found no infringements Home by R Burghs
Miles 30 Hay on NB $3.00 Hotel 25 cts Dinner at Julian 25 cts 1 NB 30 3 55

" 15 drove down by J. R. Hatch to count Allan of
Port Dover on Ground nets business
Miles 12 H. NB $1.50 Dinner at Dover Hotel 25 cts 1 NB 12 1 75

" 16 Down at B. Beach looking for nets & Rousseau
assisting found no infringements
Miles 16 by oars NB $2.00 paid Rousseau $1.00 1 NB 16 3 00

" 17 off Port Maitland Dover Dunville in reference
to Allan Ground nets Thence to Port Erie on a tour
of inspection By fare to Dunville $1.15
Hotel expenses at Port Dunville 50 cts fare to Port Erie $1.10
" 18 Off Erie down Lake to Niagara via Buffalo 1 Hy. 90 2 75
Inspecting Pound Patterson Hotel 50 cts for B3 Hired Carriage
to Buffalo 15 cts By fare to Niagara $2.0 Dinner at North
Hotel Niagara 25 cts

" 19 Off from Niagara to Hamilton via St
Catherines Board at Red Lion Hotel Niagara 75 cts
Stage to St Catherines 50 cts Fare to Clifton 15 cts
Dinner & Supper at Murray Fare 50 cts
By fare to Hamilton $1.00 1 Hy Stage 40 2 90

" 20 Writing out report on Allan Application 1

" 21 Sunshead report and Writing on Grand
River fishery 1

" 22 Down at Gages Inlet on B. Beach
looking after Fence Breakers no infringements
Miles 16 by oars NB $2.00 1 NB 16 2 00

15 349 24.30

Fred: Kerr

Shamrock
The 1st

The 31st March 90

15 3 19 24 30

25 Sailed for Grand Harbour Halifax Co. met
two Parties of Sandwich with Whale fish for
three Nova Scotia Co. to Beach and Distribute
The Seine Miles 2 Square N 382 00
Time at Sea Port 2 Co. House fired 25 el. 1 HB 18 2 5-0

26 Put on B Bay Grappling for illegal nets Associated
home Newport Kept to Keep round thence to Digby Gut
Point - thence back to Lagoon inlet miles by water
one pair N 12 1/2 H 5-0 Supper for two 2-0 Co. at Meneil
Relief paid Boatmen $1.00 for day 1 HB 35- 3 00

29 Put on B Bay Looking for and Grappling
for nets Sailed by Inspector
Square miles N 11 5-0 miles by 12 Seine
Floats Corks 2 Co. Paid Boatmen for
Salary Boatman $1.25 1 HB 25- 2 75-

31 Put on B Bay looking and Grappler for
nets seized about 2 nets 1 HB 13 miles up
Boat Co. Paid Boatmen $1.00 for Boatmen 1 HB 28 2 50
Postage Stamps 60
For painting and repairing
Boat 3 00
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Kenmillan April 2nd 189?

Dear Sir

I received a letter from Overseer Macrae Dunvilla written by you giving certain information in reference to some parties fishing nets without licences in what is known as big Works Creek in the Township of Wainfleet which is in my District I would therefore deem it a great favour if you would kindly furnish me with all the particulars of the infringements as there is no nets allowed to be fish in any streams or rivers at present Please inform me where Works Board is how near a By station and the best means getting there and oblige P.S. give me the names if the parties so Jno H Glasco addt. Fred: Kerr engaged

Works Boards

Fishery Inspector
Kenmillan

Hamilton April 2nd 1891

Sir

I beg to submit to you herewith for your consideration and approval my account and expenditure incurred by me during my acts in this Division for the month of March

The amount is $40.00 including the expenses of Boatmen &c. for services rendered on B. Bay and also on account balance over from last month by your Dept for explanation for the sum of $15.00 in refference to painting and repairing Boats &c. I might say in regard to the charge I left the Boat at Bastien Boat House last Fall and in looking over this Spring I found it in a very dilapidated condition for want of Painting & repairs &c. I spoke to several Boatbuilders in the Vicinity as to what it would cost to put it in proper Condition they said could not be done under $10.00 or $12.00 so looking upon this expense I took it on myself in bringing down and hiring any brother who is apprentice to do the work. I would certainly ask permission from the Dept before deciding to give the Job to the Boat Builders as it is I suppose I should have done so I am sorry that I omitted but I dont care to be on Burlington Bay in a leaky Boat I can assure you I dont think it the wish of the Dept that I should do so there is a little extra expense on Burlington Bay at present as I am using the usual information and reports of weather

ing Seigalis fishing in Those Seine Boys
on certain Gentlemen who interest Them
selves in the Preservation of the fish and
when such Notice comes to me I have no alternative
but to go out whether I succeed in Getting
Them out or not but I have Them pretty well
under subjection now

All of which is respectively Submitted for
your consideration & approval

Y. Ob.
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Jaemain dir your
Obedient Servant
Wm. Hall
Fishing Master

Hamilton April 2nd 1890

Sir

I beg to report for your information that on Monday night the 31st Inst I proceeded out in the waters of Burlington Bay & Company with Boatmen Morris Rousseau and Fowler and set a line 4½ yards of Pike Gill net which was allowed fishing in the above water opposite Short Cove the net contained a number of fish I drowned the net according to the instructions received from your office

Respectfully Submitted

To The Deputy Minister of Fisheries Dept Ottawa

Fremaine Fisheries Overseer Bay de Nord Division Fort Hope Fishery District

Hamilton April 24 1890

Sir

In obedience to your instruction of the 24 Ultimo I report on the application of John H Crawford who has asked for the privilege of fishing 3 Paired Nets in the waters of Lake Erie in the County of Haldimand in the Town ship of Dunn fanning on Lots 4 & 10

I therefore beg to report that on Yesterday the 10th Instant I proceeded to Dunnville and made all the necessary enquiries as to what objections there might be in regard to allowing them such privileges I might state here that after careful inquiries so seeing Mr Crawford I found at the present time no serious objection to Mr Crawford fishing the three Pairs of nets asked for that as far as I could learn I also found out that Mr Crawford is an honest Man who has fished for 4 years in the same locality who has always observed the Fisheries rules laid down by you. Dept in every respect there being no Bailiff whatever in with him

The Fisheries in question is over six miles from the mouth of the Grand River and that distance I dont consider that this nets would be any way detrimental or obstruction to the Fish going to Spawn into the said river

He ships his fish to Mr Gable Buffalo

Chas. Mc Kinzie to do with the Buffalo fish
Company and states that he owns the
whole outfit himself having invested
all his savings in the enterprise
After carefully considering his application
I have no hesitation recommending that
his application be granted subject to
your approval and consideration

Respectively Submitted

I am sir Your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Gelcr
Fishery Overseer

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

Hamilton April 1st 1890

Sir

I beg to report in answer to your request dated the 1st of April. Asking for my remarks in reference to an application of Messrs Page & Belsom of Gaylonnell for the privelege of fishing 3 pound nets in the waters of Lake Erie fronting the Co Elgin

In the first place I do not remember in forwarding Messrs Page & Belsom any such thing that they and overseer McMichael asserts and represents I did – Because I find in looking over my letter Book that in the Schedule that I made out and sent to the Dept dated the 4th of Feb 1889. Page & Belsom applied three pound nets and I recommended two nets so in the face of that I cannot see why they should make such assertion and if my memory do not fail me I think they had the two men on hand at the time of visit to that locality – And another thing I always make it a point not to make any such promises or lead anyone to believe what they represent. In a case of this kind I always inform the parties concerned that it totally rest with the Dept and not under any circumstances to go to any expense in making preparation of nets till the privilege is granted by the Dept

But however I must agree with Overseer McMichael where he asserts that they are very Poor Men. And I believe myself very deserving men. And it does not seem

fair or right in my estimation if the main
Main fishes 4.a c. Pound nets and those
are only allowed to fish the two Pound nets
Course I am not thoroughly posted in regard
to the circumstances as I would like to be, but
after carefully reading his letters and the
application of Overseer McMichael and
although I am very much opposed to an
increase of Pound nets in Lake Erie I think
in this case an exception might be made
for I believe it would be doing justice to
grant those men their humble request
so as to put them on the same footing as
their fellow fishermen but however with
those remarks I leave it in your hands
for your consideration knowing that
this mens interest if deserving will be
justly dealt with by your Dept

All of which is respectfully submitted

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

I am Sir Your
Obedient Servant
Fred.k Gee
Fishery Bailiff

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Hamilton April 3

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that your application for the three Pound pits with the recommendation of Overseer McMichael has been sent up to me from the Dept for my opinion and remarks &c &c and I can assure you that I have done the best I could on your behalf

although I did not like the assertion you made in one of letters that you bought tickets for Thurd not on my representing that you was sure to receive the chance not. You know in a case like that you should never go to the expense of

of procuring a pit until you are granted the privilege first because its Officers have not the power that people think we have - - -

We may fully recommend an application and then be not granted

But I think in the recommendation with the application and my favourable remarks that your chances will be good. I would like you to keep this quiet for a few days I might I would let you know how things are

Page & Bakon Agts Trades
Jageonville Iron
Mg Inspector

Memorandum

1890

Honolulu Sept 3

Dear Brig has to inform you that your application for the three Pensions now under the consideration of Congress at the present Session has been favorably reported on by the Committee on Pensions & c & c and I have no doubt you will in a short time receive your certificates

Although I do not like the principle upon which pensions are granted in our Islands that is to say granting them for services rendered to the Government for the sake of Office yet in your case I think you are entitled to a pension for your services rendered to the Government in the Revolution of 1887 and I am glad to see that the Committee on Pensions have taken that view of the case

I am very happy to announce to you the success of your application and I think it will be a great satisfaction to your friends to know that you will be enabled to live in comfort for the remainder of your days

Yours truly

Walter M. Gibson

Hon. John Bush

Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Hamilton April 3 1880

Dear Sir

Yours of the 2nd duly received Rend I am to inform you that it is impossible for me to procure a license until you send me the money in advance - - - - - -
If this is done you will get your license without fail but till then
You were speaking the other day about going to fish in some creek with a horse with other parties. I would advise you as a friend not to attempt such proceeding as I intend to take a trip in that direction in a few days

Yours truly
G. Herr
Factory Inspector

David Tyson
Beamsville

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Hamilton April -

My Dear Sir

I do not wish to bother you too much in regard to that letter of Ed Stamps press withdrawn I do commend

In fact the Times fairly floored me knocked me out in the first round. I was just congratulating myself a few days ago to some of mine that I did not receive the abuse or hard knocks that my other Brethren use to receive but after that infamous letter I am beginning to think that I am not a Saint after all and also to the conclusion that the Birth of a Dominion is not a

one -- I will send my remarks on the papers in question in the course of a few days
I am waiting for the ans of some letter in regard to what means repaleer There is no doubt that they are some of these like nets set in the Chipewa Creek but the roads are in such a fearful condition that it would be impossible to travel at present it would cost more then the thing is worth as there is nothing but Cat fish in those Creeks but as soon as I have everything ready and know what I am going to do I will settle them

L.P. Bennett Esq. Yours truthfully
Fisheries Supt Gerald Herbert
Ottawa

Bed of roses by any means
But however I am just going on with my work the same as usual and as long as I have the confidence of the Fisheries Dept I dont care for anyone I think Allan went up and blew the sparks that I was the coming man after Dr Montague told him that I was to settle about the pound nets at Pt Maitland more to annoy him as he does not like them and the Old fellow got mad and growled and gave the Consequences at least Allan intended to me as much. I have never seen sharp in my life so he dont know about me as writing about me may be a good Overseer but he must be a Damn mean

No 1

Hamilton April 7th 1890

Sir

I beg to report in reference to the letter of Overseer Sharpes dated 20th ult. last to your Dept in answer to certain enquiries that I had received in regard to certain irregularities Seined & supposed to be carried on in the Township of Brookhouse on Lake Erie during the Close season which information was transmitted by me to your Dept by a report dated the 14th of Feb. and the Dept has seen fit to obtain Mr Sharpes Answer to the above for my remarks &c &c. - - - -

I therefore beg to state that in my sending the said information of the 14th of Feb it was done for the best of intentions, and I distinctly stated the plain facts as I heard them and not that I had the least animosity against or towards Overseer Sharpe or any other man, as I conscientiously considered it my duty to do so. Capt Allen of Port Dover told me I know in good fait I can assure you, saying at the time that he did not care who heard the could prove it. He also informed me that he spoke to Sharpe about it and warned him on several occasion in regard to Jim's Stone of course I was only giving the information on that Point as the words of Allen - But I still stick to the fount that the whole fish found in the possession

of the men I had Joined at the Town of London was or were caught in that direction but at what particular place I am unable to say without making special enquiries in the neighbourhood in question myself.

I regret very much in reading over Mr Sharps letter to your Dept where he says fit to attribute me in a most what I might say disrespectfull unwarrantable manner I am not even acquainted with the Gentlemen, I have never met or seen him personally in my life that I know of and as you may Judge by the opinion that he has of me. I do not wish any closer acquaintance than I have at present

But at the same time I want Mr Sharpe to thoroughly understand that I am no Runner &c &c. I have always tried to live a respectfull honest life and can safely say that I command the respect and the confidence of the people of this Township where I reside being elected a number of the Municipal Council for several years and is now holding the position of Deputy Reve for the Township of Boston I commenced to work early in life at the age of 13 years and ever since that time I have kept myself constantly employed so as to keep everything together and therefore had very little time for what he calls

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burning. Of course I dont say that I am infallable nor do I wish to attach a man behind his back, but in fact he does not know what he is writing about or would not be so quick in throwing out his insulting insinuations. As I know Mr Sharps character very well through here days My Old Father who was in service of the Fisheries for about 23 years used to say being pretty well acquainted with Sharp that he used to go around with a white choker on like an Old Deacon when on duty with a Black Bottle in his coat Tail pocket especially when the Scott act was in force in the County and not was hard to get a drink but still I do not blame him for that for he may be a good Person for all that

But however I will stop. This does not look like business the whole sum and substance of the matter is this. he and Allan are bad friends for some time & understand. and the Dept seeing fit to give me special power to perform in regard to Pound Keeper and Capt Allan hearing of this Rankled him in respect to it more to annoy him than anything else which made the old fellow mad and jealous and hence the result you see the consequence he pitches into me as well as Allan he says my Bond the Fishermans &c. I might

No 4

might state here that I do not consider Allen much of a friend of mine I only know him since I left and met him several times since

In conclusion I might say that I have always endeavoured to do the duties pertaining to my office without fear or favour to none and I considered it to my duty to make my report which I thought would enlighten the Fishery Dept on any subject which I thought would be an interest to the Fisheries and I intend doing so it dont make any difference whose Division it is But I do claim that in making that in question I did not do it for the purpose of disturbing or annoying Mr Sharp as he make out I did. I never thought of such a thing at the time it was merely for the good of the Fishers in general. and I am willing at all times to obey the instructions of the Dept no matter what the duties are I will be done cheerfully and to the best of my ability even if it is a snap in the Benedictum of Mr David Sharp Inspection I regret very much indeed that this thing ever happen and hope this will be the last of it

To The Deputy Minister I am Sir your
Fisheries Dept Obedient Servant
Ottawa Fred. Tees
Fishery Officer

Hamilton April 7th 1890

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. 114 for the sum of $21.00 Twenty one dollars

Would you be pleased to apply Thes Amount for licenses for this current year 1890

1st Jules Jabez Mears Beamsville for a Boat licens to fish 5000 yds of closed Herring gill net in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Township of Clinton County of Lincoln the stipd fee and Amount $5.00

2. Adam Kelly Ancaster for a license to spear Pike &c in the waters of Burlington Bay until the 15th day April 1890 the fee and $1.00

3 Chas Forsyth Flamboro 1.00

4 Chas Smith Hamilton 1.00

5&6 Robert & Daniel Paisley Hamilton 2.00

7 Levi Baker Flamboro 1.00

8 John Everett Milgrove 1.00

9 John Cummings " 1.00

10 Henery Kelly Ancaster 1.00

11 James Forsyth " 1.00

12 John Lyons Waterdown 1.00

13 Wm Pearse Waterdown 1.00

14 Albert Lyons Greenville 1.00

15 Ja Benkley Ancaster 1.00

16 James Radford 17&L. A Bowman Ancaster $2.00

$21.00

I would recommend that Lyons be Issued Captain

to Issue the grant. The above Licenses

Deputy Minister Commissioner Game & Inland Fisheries Dept Ottawa

Berwillion April 7th 1890

Sir

I beg to state in reference to the Tweed-
fries of Berwicks Fisheries dated the 24th of
Feb. and the 28th of March in regard to the
White fish supposed or said to be caught
in the neighbourhood of the County of
Haldemand during the first Close Season
there.-

For this first letter he states that there
was not known of any white fish being caught
in this Division during that season
but very distinctly says he was told that
quantities were in the habit of passing thro
the County of Haldemand with fishermen
ing Tackle which I am glad to say
bears out my statements in my report of
the 14th Feb to a certain extent which I
Contended at the time that the fish came
from some place in that Locality or direct
from Lake Erie

still

In this second letter of the 28th of March he
changes his views he tells a complete fam-
sault and says after a long and careful
enquiry he has at least found out where
they were caught in my own Division
at Baldwin Dike. I am very sorry for him
he being very ill all winter and being in
very feeble health at present just being
out of Bed a few days when I seen on the

The first of the month and what puzzld
is me how in the world he found it out
when he was not able go anywhere. I might
say here regard to the white herring as
Ballan Likh I have it from good authe
rity that there is no fishing whatever done
there during the fall of the year the prin
cepal catch is in the month of May and
June the white fish in question must have
been caught either in a Pound or Gill net

Now in regard to the advertisement
in the Deerville Gazette I met at Deerville
on the 15th when there one of the men concerned.
the Cartney who indegantly denied of-
having anything to do with such an Item
and says he always own their own nets I must
say in regard to this matter of hiring the nets
to farmers I was not aware of it before I
knew it was a great boon to the farmers
in general going there at night by the sea
to get their supply but whether they buy
receive an honest share I am unable to tell
and if what McCrae says is true what
he has seen in the newspaper and if the
Dept deems it advisable to discontinue the
practice I will notify the parties interes
ted at once if so desired

In conclusion I might say in regard to
the letter of Jno E Glaves of Wennflet Com
plaining of certain Hoop nets or fyke nets
set at Forks Creek which letter Mr McCrae

McCrae

very kindly received me and have written to the Gleaves and others asking for the circumstances in connection with the matter and will as soon as possible look after the matter. I might observe that the Claypoles are in a abominable condition at present and almost impassable for travel until they dry up a little and I am afraid the expense would be heavy at present if I undertook the Business as nearly all the travelling would have to be done by horse and dog I would be unable make 15 mile per day. And as the fish in the Chipewa Creek and its tributaries are chiefly composed of suckers and cat-fish and if the Department deems it expedient or necessary at their Commands

All of which is respectfully submitted for your Consideration

I am Sir your
Obedient Servant
Fred J. Gern
Fishery Overseer

To The Deputy Minister
Fishery Dept
Ottawa

Dunnville April 8th 1890

Sir

I beg to report for your information that on the 4th Inst. in company with Boatmen Wm. Ferguson & Grapplee and seized about 300 yards of nine thread Gill net which I found illegally fishing in the waters of Burlington Bay opposite Martins Old Wharf Burlington Beach which I confiscated and destroyed according to your instructions the nets contained a number of Pike - I observed some parties overhauling the nets when quite a distance away and made every effort I could to catch them but was unsuccessful they succeeded in eluding me on account of the darkness of

I might observe that I have however seen the Pike so numerous in the Bay then they are at present the water is fairly swarming with them on account I presume of no spearing being done last winter through there being no ice and muddy water and the strict watch I have kept in regard to nets &c.

I have collected a no of spearing licenses during the last few days as the privilege for the same does not run out until the 1st inst I seized two spears from two young men. whether and will who agreed to pay the same

Respectfully submitted

Jno Young Bailiff

To the Deputy Minister of Fisheries Dept Ottawa

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Hamilton April 8/1890

Dear Sir

Would you kindly inform me as soon as possible whether you are aware as to any The extent of net fish fishing is said to be carried on in The Chippewa Creek by means of Nets or fike nets &c at present and if you can possibly spare The money for your license fee please send it on at once and notify your bailiff to be at The same effect and obtain as soon as The weeds begin to improve a little & fish commence ascending to spawn

Yours Truly
J. Glen
Insp. Fisheries

Mr Geo. Duff
Lowville P.O

1890

Hamilton April 10th.

Sir

I am credibly informed. That you are fishing on net in what is known as Forks Creek without any authority whatever. And as The district in question is under my jurisdiction, I therefore take The liberty of warning you to discontinue The practice at once. until such times you are properly legalised to do so. If not I will be compelled to take instant proceedings against you for The Contravention of The Fisheries Act As there no nets allowed to be fished in The streams or rivers According to The Fisheries Act without a special license

Yours respt J. Glen Jr. Insp

Hamilton Ohio April 18th

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 15th inst. is at hand and contents noted. We are sorry to learn that you have been sick, but hope that you are now entirely recovered. We have not yet received the order from Mr. Wm. Hall, but expect it daily. We have written him several times about it, but have received no reply. We will write him again today and if we do not receive his order by return mail we will telegraph him to ship the goods at once. We have not yet received the order from Mr. Wm. Hall, but expect it daily. We have written him several times about it, but have received no reply. We will write him again today and if we do not receive his order by return mail we will telegraph him to ship the goods at once.

Yours truly

Wm. Hall

Hamilton Ohio April 18th 189

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Yours truly

Wm. Hall

Messrs
John & Sawn Beamsville
John H Culp

1890

Hamilton April 10

Dear Sir

Yours of the 8th instant duly received and am to inform you that the stipendiaries fee for a seine license is the sum of $5.00 which amount is set by the Fishery Dept at Ottawa. And I regret very much that I cannot accept any less I have no other alternative but to carry out my instructions. Any one must of misinformed upon

Yours &c

Regarding the night lines the charge is $3.00 with a limit Release forward the balance of the fee and I will make an application at once in your favor

Yours truly

Mr Leonard Messner
Marshville P.O

10th 1890

Hamilton April

Sir

I am credibly informed that you are fishing an net in what is known as Forks Creek without any Authority whatever and as the District in question is under my supervision I therefore take the liberty of warning you to discontinuing the practice at once until such times you are properly legalised to do so. if not I will be compelled to take proceedings against you for the Contravention of the Fisheries Act as there is no nets allowed to be fish in the Creeks or rivers according the Fisheries Act with out Special Licence

Yours Respectfully

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Hamilton April 1890 10th

Dear Sir

Yours of the 6 inst. duly received and in answer to your enquiries I am to inform you that nets are forbidden East the 40 mile Creek at Grimsby I have licensed the mouth of Konkle & Reid Creeks I do not know whether they take in the 30 or not. Yours Cannot net fish on any limit that is licensed by another party The privilege is granted by paying $5.00 off for sale $1.00 if for own use that is in the waters of Lake Ontario

Yours Truly
Fred Gerrie

Wm Wm Kenyon Esqr
Beamsville

1890

Hamilton April 21

Dear Sir

Your card duly received And am to inform you that I have sent your dollar and application to the Fishery Dept and as soon as granted I will forward the licence to you.

Yours Truly
F. Fred! Gerrie

Wm Caleb Wright
St Catharines

Hamilton April 21
1840

Dear Sir

Yours of the 6 inst. duly received and I am in answer to your inquiries happy to inform you that we are fortunately here the 40 miles south of Dunedin & have learned of the success of Capt. Hall + their treaty

We must leave Wanganui for Cook's in the 20 or next. Your Journal must take us long limit that is learned by another route. The Governor is expected by the 28th inst. & the business of the meeting of the natives will take place

Hamilton April 21
1840

Dear Sir

Yours of 6th duly received and I am in answer your Letter & have great pleasure stating that we are fortunately here the 40 miles south of Dunedin & have learned of the success of Capt. Hall & their treaty

We must leave Wanganui for Cook's in the 20 or next. Your Journal must take us long limit that is learned by another route. The Governor is expected by the 28th inst. & the business of the meeting of the natives will take place

Yours Truly
J. Hall
The Rev. Henry Williams
Paihia

Hamilton April 14th 1890.

Sir

I beg to report for your information that on Friday last the 11 Instant in company with Constable Wm Rousseau we proceeded to Burlington Bay and grappled found and seized about 100 yds of Pike Gill net which we found illegally fishing at Ghent Cove and Jones Inlet. And also on Saturday on information received we went to Beards Pond and seized about 300 yds more making in all about 400 yds which nets I Confiscated and immediately destroyed according to instructions the nets contained a number of fish

All of which is respectively submitted

I am Sir Your
To The Deputy Minister Obedient Servant
Fisheries Dept Thos. Kerr
Ottawa Fishery Overseer.

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Hamilton April 19 1890

Dear Sir

Yours of the 17th duly received and in answer am to inform you that I consider that you are in my district as I was instructed by the Dept during some terms last that I was to take charge of the waters of Lake Erie from Boulton Creek to Port Maitland so if you choose to send me the money I will record it and get your licenses

Please give all particulars as to terms &c as for form licenses

Mr Chas Ross
Port Maitland

Your Bros
Fred. Gerrard
Fishery
Inspector

Hamilton April 21st 1890

Dear Sir

On sending in your application I concluded in not to recommend any special limits you were asking for I thought it best not to do so it might have an tendency to cramp those I dont intend to give upon a limit so upon all will be on the same footing I mailed your licenses to day

Yours truly
F. Gerrard
Fishery Inspector

C. J. Mairs
Beamsville

Hamilton April 21st 1890

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith the sum of $10.00 Ten dollars - By Bank Dept no 450 I would you be pleased to apply this amount for licenses as follows for this current year 1890 -

1st Alex Dougher Mcinness for a license to fish one seine in the Public waters of Lake Erie fronting on the Township of Moulton et Boulton Dist the stipulated fee sent herewith - - - $5.00

2nd Malcolm Wright St Catherines for a license to fish one dip net at the mouth of Welland Canal Lake Ontario the fee sent herewith - - - $1.00

3rd John Welch Port Dalhousie do do do $1.00

4th John Calkins Jarvis for a spearing license in the waters of Burlington Bay ending on the 15th of April last - $1.00

5th Sam Tolbridge Salfleet do do $1.00

6th Ed Franks Hamilton 1.00

Total Cents sent - - - $10.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above licences - -

All of which is submitted with due respect

To the Deputy Minister I am Sir your
Fisheries Dept Obedient Servant
Ottawa
Thos Herr
G O

Hamilton April 21st 1890

Dear Sir I beg to report for your information that on Saturday last and Sunday morning I proceeded to Burlington Bay in company with Wm Bousteus and grappled and found about 1200 yds of Pike Gill net which I seized and confiscated The nets were set in Raems Pond and in front of John Dynes Burlington Beach The nets found in the latter place were in deep water and were not fishing very long as there was no fish in them. I also received information of illegal fishing being carried on the 15th & 16th in the two mile creeks and was down there on Thursday and Friday last and made a careful search but did not observe anything Contrary to the Fisheries Act

All of which is respectfully submitted

To the Deputy Minister of Fisheries dept Ottawa

I have the honor to be Your Obedient Servant Fred. Kerr D.O.

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Hamilton Apl 23 1890

Dear Sir

Your letter dated the 21st instant with $5.00 enclosed duly received and am informed on your that your application will be attended to forthwith

There is no change in close seasons that I am aware of if so I will notify you accordingly

Messrs McCraes of Dundalk has appealed me for allowing some people at Bolton Hill to go selling Hawks to the farmers Therefore notify them to be very careful in the future or better let them have a hawk Shore I will call and see you about the first week in may Alex Doucher has sent an application that is all at present

Yours truly

Jo. Akers

Fishery Inspector

An J McCraes
Fort Brent

Killarney April 23/90

Dear Sir

Yours of the 21st inst received

And beg to inform you that it is impossible for me to grant your request. As the Fishery Act which Governs me distinctly states that no Bass shall be caught by any means during the Close season from the 15th of April to the 15th June. I therefore regret that I have not the power to grant you the permission you ask for.

Yours respectfully

J. Greer

Fishery Inspector

Willis L. Whitla
M. Cathcart
Esq

Hamilton May 2nd 18[illegible]

Dear Sir

Yours of the 19th Ultimo at hand Yes I will grant you a license for bi fish for your own use & for the $1.00 I receive the balance of your money alright and shall sit down some time to go with the application but have not no word yet. But I expect the permit every day now as the Dept has been very busy and as the Session is over they will I Expect will have more time but however you can go on and fish the straight lines and as soon as I get the license I will forward the same without delay

Yours Truly

John H Dann
Beamsville

Fred Kern
C O

Hamilton April 25th 1890

Sir

I beg to send you herewith Bank Draft No. 163 for the sum of $15:00 Fifteen dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this amount for licenses for this current year 1890 as follows

1st Chas. Erill Port Erie for a Boat License to fish 2000 yards of Sturgeon Pickerel and herring Gill net in that portion of the Public Waters of Lake Erie fronting on the Township of Bertie County of Welland the fee sent herewith -- $5.00

No. 1 Isaac Michner Four Bands for a license to fish one seine in that portion of the waters of Lake Erie at Ballon Dilch township of Moulton County of Monck the fee calculated fee sent herewith $5.00

3rd J. H. Dennis & J. H Culp Beamsville for a License to fish a small seine at the Mouth of what is known as Bed Creek Lake Ontario for their own use the fee to be $2.00 and also the privilege to fish a number of night lines in the waters of Lake Ontario the fee to be $3.00 both privileges fronting on the Township of Clinton County of Lincoln Total Amt sent for the two licenses $ 5.00

Total Amt 15.00

I would recommend respectfully that you please to grant the above licenses to the Straits Fisheries of Canada. General Fisheries

852

Hamilton April 24 1890

My Dear Sir

I think that letter Mr Sharpe will quiet him he seems to be an old Tyrone any way I received a long letter from Daniel being the Counsel Mil fishermen of the County of Essex he complains very bitterly how he is treated in reference to the distributions of the licenses he complains that partiality was shown as he was not put on the same footing as the rest of the Fishermen I came in for some of his dissatisfactions he wishes to see me I have not answered this letter yet I have been very busy all week helping to get the crop in finish the seeding to day

Would you kindly send me some of that pink foolscap writing paper and some Monthly Disbursements form. and oblige

S. P Bennett Esq Yours respectfully
Fisheries Dept Ottawa Henry Doherty

Mr Lewis Bessie
St Catherines

1890
Hamilton April 28

Dear Sir

I have been informed by good Authority That you are in the habit of fishing with a Seawing or Seine net in the 10 mile Creek for some time past without a license which you must be aware is direct contravention of the Fisheries Act. I therefore do inform you that the stipulated fee for such fishing is $10.00 for the privilege of Catching for your own use and $5.00 for selling &c&c

I would advise you to send me the fee at once with due explanations and save further trouble

Yours Truly
Fish Inspector

1890
Hamilton April 28

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 22nd duly received And am to inform you that you must send me your license fee in advance before I will be able to procure your license the fee is $5.00

In sending the money please state the limits the Name of Township &c&c and oblige

Joseph Phillips
Thirteen Mile

Yours Truly
Fish. Overseer
Fishery Inspection

Hamilton Sept 23
1840

Dear Sir

I have been informed by your Brother that you are in the habit of hunting with a Greyhound & there are the 10 mile Creek for some Game I would therefore be much obliged if you would be so kind as to let me know if you do hunt with a Greyhound & if so whether you would be willing to sell him

Hamilton Sept 23
1840

Dear Sir

Your Letter of the 22nd Inst. duly received. I am sorry that I cannot accommodate you with a Greyhound as I have not had one for some time past

Yours Truly

854

1890

Hamilton April 29

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th Instant And am to inform you that it is impossible for me to grant your request as I cannot go beyond the rule laid down by the Honorable of Fisheries which is the sum of $5.00 for sale or Barter I regret it very much but you must observe I have no other alternative but to carry out my instructions

Yours truly

Wm Hodgkinson Inspector

Mr Wm Hodgkinson Inspect: of Fisheries
St Catharines Fishery Inspection

1890

Hamilton Oct 29

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
28th Inst. and am in re-
ply to state that it is impossible
for me to grant your request
for a Concert as I proposed the
date of the 30th Inst. to the Ho-
norable the Mayor & Aldermen
of this City which must be
adhered to but I may
say in addition

April 90

"	[illegible]	Spring Lee	1 00	
"	Adam Kelly	"	1 00	Sent by
"	Chas Smith	"	1 00	Bank Draft
"	Rev. David Pauley	"	2 00	Nov 414 to the
"	Levi Bailey	"	1 00	Dept on the
"	John Everett	"	1 00	4th of April
"	John Cumming	"	1 00	1890
"	Henry Kelly	"	1 00	
"	James Forsyth	"	1 00	
"	[illegible] Hynes	"	1 00	
"	Tom Robee	"	1 00	
"	Albert Lyons	"	1 00	
"	J C Kelly	"	1 00	
"	James Bradford	"	1 00	
"	[illegible] Brennan	"	1 00	
"	Alex Leopher	Spring Lee.	5 00	Sent by Bank
" 21	Malcolm Wright	Spring Lee	1 00	Draft No 4[illegible]
"	John Welsh	" " "	1 00	to the Dept of
"	Jerm Settrige	Spring Lee	1 00	21 instant
"	John Cochrane	"	1 00	1890
"	Edward Arnold	"	1 00	
	Carried forward		131 00	

Fred Kerr

Hamilton

Carried 90

Carried Forward $ 31 00

Chas. O'Neill	Boat hire	5 00	Sent by Band
Isaac Mackenzie	Team hire	5 00	
J. H. Sanson & H. Culpepper	5 nights lunch	6 00	
		0	370

J. H. Sol. Comt. sent during [illegible] 06 The Mont. R. Agency

[illegible]

858

1890

Hamilton May 2nd

Dear Sir

I am instructed by the Dept to arrange with you to confer with the Fishermen on hand on the day then at Bronte &c &c for the Advisibility of regulating the Mesh of Gill nets used in Co-coos fishing and also adopting a close season for the same We want to devise a set of Rules - having the above objects in view which would be acceptable to the fishermen at large and at the same time ensuring the preservation of this valuable fishery please let me know what day I can see you after Monday next I would like you to have all the Fishermen on hand on the day We meet for this is a very important scheme and not to be trifled with I will be down on Tuesday next if agreeable to you if not please state the day

Yours truly
J. O Heir
P O

Mr Wm Sergent
J. O Bronte

1840

Memorandum Deeds &c

Three Deeds inadvertently
Three Deeds to purchaser which
were left in Deeds to
Three Deeds to purchaser which
were left in Deeds to

Fred.: Kerr

H. Hamilton
Pier 1st

Dr. 30 April 90

Mar 1 1st Oil & Camille to make application in ref
Sept 1 By Cash return ticket $2.50
" 13 " 2 do
Lipton Freight Steamboat Agency

1 Hy. 80 2 63

13 miles 13 $1.50 looking

1 HHJ 13 2 50

1 HHS 14 3 50

1 HyHO30 3 00

1 Hy. 80 3 50

1 HyHHS 66 .. $ 16

12 Cash for Oil & Camille sold
Cash for Oil & Camille sold
Cash for Oil & Camille sold

Fred: Herr

Hamilton

Pte 10½ Pte 30th of April 90

12 352 31 65

April 14 Off Pt St Catherines Thence to Pt Dalhousie
[illegible] Illegal fishing boat
Cte Bay [illegible] Bay done to St Catherines 81 20
Pt Abino [illegible] 20 for 20 miles Run from Hamilton
to Pt Colborne [illegible] Buffalo at 10 Miles
Rain

1 Optl SR 4 16

" 18 Off Pt [illegible] to 10 mile Creek Thence
Pt Dalhousie [illegible] Beach Pt Rodgers for 12 to 13 miles
Pt Jackson Mobile 5 to 6 Elephant Bay Shore of Burlington House
Rain Lake Station 15 to 16 about Ten a Clock

1 Optl RR 45 1 95

19 Out on Burlington Bay Pt 1200 yds of net Pt
Burlington Canal Pt Burlington Bridge 16 $2 to Dep
for Lake [illegible] Light 5 to 6 Lake miles 36

1 HBp 36 3 5-0

21.22 Arrive Home Answering Letters &c &c

2

x 24 Out on Burlington Bay Heights meeting
inquiries made Pt Dalhousie Illegal
Fishing [illegible] to Miles 16 $2 Pt Dalhousie

1 HB 16 2 0-0

x 25 Down to Burlington Bay Went over to
Burlington Canal Pt Burlington Bridge
for Lake Ontario Distance to be 16 miles Pt
Burlington to Pt Dalhousie 16 miles
Dinner at Dalhousie [illegible]

1 HB 36 3 25-

29 Off to Niagara Election Corresponding
Officer Pt Colborne $1.20 Dinner Lit Man in Pt Colborne 20

1 Optl 65 2 15-

30 Off from Niagara for Fort Erie Election
Officer Mr Buffalo [illegible] Niagara to Telephone &c &c
Pt Colborne to Fort Erie $1.20 Dinner at Bayles
Election Miscellaneous

1 Optl SR 70 2 40
Postage Stamps 75-
29

May 2 Telegram [illegible] to Jos Gabriel Inventor

21 67 2 15 2 39

Hamilton April 5th 1890

Sir

I beg to submit to you herewith for your consideration and approval my account and expenditure incurred by me during my active duties in this Division for the Month of April 1890

The amount is $52.39 cts inclusive the expenses of the Boatmen rec'd for services rendered on Burlington Bay The expense is a little higher then last month on account of the steel watch that I was compelled to make in reference to netting in the water of B Bay during the run of the fish, and now as that is over, the trouble is over. I may say that I never seen the fish so numerous in the Bay then this spring I will not require the services of Mr Rousseau as boatman any longer. At fall Hoping this account will be acceptable

All of which is submitted with due respect-

I am Sir
Your obedient Servant
Fred Glen
Fishery Overseer

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

Commencing Thence along
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Hamilton May 5-1890

Dear Sir

I understand from reliable sources that the American Boats are begining to encroach on our waters the same as last year. Would you kindly let me know if there is anything in the report or have you observe them if so what particular locality. Also kindly furnish me with any names of the gone fishing without license that you are aware as soon as possible & oblige

I will be up st

Yours Gratefully
Fred Ellis
Fishery Inspector

1890
Hamilton April 5th

Dear Sir

Yours of the 30th April duly received. Contents noted. In reply to your letter at present I am unable to grant your request as I have already granted licenses to fish in the Bay to the Fishermen of Beamsville. The opinion of the Fishery Overseer is about the same as expressed in your letter. Should I change my mind I shall be glad to grant you a license.

Your obt Servt
Inspector Fisheries
Niagara District

Hamilton May 5th 1845

Sir

I beg to report for your information that on the Tour of Inspection during last week I was credibly informed that the American Tugs and other Boats from Buffalo were beginning to encroach on our Fishing Grounds in the neighbourhood of Point Abino and Port Maitland Lake Erie about the same last year I did not ascertain the names of the Boats as yet but am waiting to find out all information concerning their movements and when received I will immediately transmit to your Dept

All of which is respectfully submitted

Your [illegible] Servt
[illegible]

Robert Shaver
Fish Overseer
Fishery District

1840

Hamilton May 5th

Dear Sir

I am instructed by the Dept of Ottawa to collect all dues accruing - dues at once should you be please transmit your Dues £5:00 as soon as possible and oblige

Tell Peter that the Dept are about taken a step in regard to the seizure of vessels the Rescue Fisheries I will be engaged for some time now in getting up a set of rules which I hope will be acceptable to the Fishermen at large and at the same time ensure the preservation of the Fishery

Fishing Ready — Rivers Dues
Fishermen Wallaceburg Yours

1½ - 9 rows.

865

1840

Honourable Lord &c

Hamilton May 5th 1890

Sir

I have the Honor to apply for licens for the following names for this current year 1890

1st John & Chas Ballon Niagara for a licens to fish two Boats with 10 000 yds of Cisco Herring Salmon Trout and White fish gill net gill net in the waters of Lake Ont. adjoining on the County of Lincoln between Kennedy Ballast and Thirty Mile Creek which is in the Township of Clinton extending from the Beach outwards between given Points ten miles into the said of the Lake. the fee to be $10.00

2nd Joseph Masters Jun Niagara for a licens for one Boat to fish 3500 yds of white fish & Herring gill net &c $5.00

3rd Ball & Orme Niagara one Boat 4000 yds of Herring Cisco gill net &c .. $5.00

4 Paterson & Clench Niagara one Boat 4000 yds of Sturgeon Cisco Herring gill net .. $5.00

5 Wm Mills & Keith Niagara 5.00

6 Mills & Moore Niagara one Boat to fish 4000 yds of White fish Herring Cisco .. $5.00

7 Balls Brothers Niagara one Boat to fish 5000 yds of white fish Salmon Trout Cisco and Herring gill net $5.00

8 James Memillen Niagara one Boat to fish 3000 yds of Herring gill net on the above limits 5.00

Hammills Grant 2½ 1790

Plan
of Mr. Hammills Farm in Antrim for the Linen
Office. Mr. Hammill to enlarge his present Farm
by taking in the Lands adjoining to the East-
ward, and to build a new House, Offices, &c.
thereon, and to Plant Quicksets round the
whole of the Farm, and to Ditch and Fence
the same with Stone Ditches and Stone Fences
as the Nature of the Ground will admit of,
and to Plant Trees round the Fields, and
Hedges, and to Drain the Bogs, and to
Plant Trees round the Bogs, and to Plant
Trees round the Farm, and to Plant Trees
round the House, and to Plant Trees round
the Offices, and to Plant Trees round the
Yard, and to Plant Trees round the Garden,
and to Plant Trees round the Orchard, and
to Plant Trees round the Meadow, and to
Plant Trees round the Pasture, and to Plant
Trees round the Arable Land, and to Plant
Trees round the Waste Land, and to Plant
Trees round the Mountain, and to Plant
Trees round the Valley, and to Plant Trees
round the River, and to Plant Trees round
the Lake, and to Plant Trees round the Sea,
and to Plant Trees round the World.

For the Use of Mr. Hammill to enlarge his present Farm
by taking in the Lands adjoining to the East-
ward, and to build a new House, Offices, &c.
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the Offices, and to Plant Trees round the
Yard, and to Plant Trees round the Garden,
and to Plant Trees round the Orchard, and
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the Lake, and to Plant Trees round the Sea,
and to Plant Trees round the World.

1790

Hammills Grant 2½

I Charles Currie Niagara one Boat to fish 4000 yds of Herring Caseres gill net in the above limits ... $5.00
10th John & Chas Ballon Niagara for a licence to fish Sturgeon night lines in river Niagara between the Black Horse Tavern and the Half Moon Battery fronting on the Township of Niagara the fee to be ... $5.00

I beg to suggest that you be pleased to state the limits discribed above in the licenses especially Kennedy Hollow so there will be no confusion with Mrs Jane Elliot Hauling Ground

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above licences ..

Respectfully submitted

To the Depat Commissr I am Sir your
Desired ...
Obedient Servant
Jos. H. Hess
Fishery Overseer

Hamilton May 5th 1890

Sir

I beg leave to send you herewith Bank Draft No 17 for the sum of $20.00 Twenty five Dollars - - - - - -

Would you be pleased to apply this amount as follows - For licenses for this current year 1890

1st/ Chester A. Harris, Fort Erie. for a license to fish one seine 200 yds long in the waters of the Niagara River from the Ferry to Gilmore road fronting on the Town of Fort Erie the fee sent herewith - - - $10.00

2nd/ Nicholas. Everett. International. Bridge. for a license to fish one seine in the waters of the Niagara, the limits to be the same as last year the fee sent herewith $10.00

3/ J B Schatzline. Sherkston. for a Boat license to fish 3000 yards of Sturgeon & Herring Gill net in that portion of the waters of Lake Erie fronting on the Township of Bertie to Point Abino the fee sent herewith $5.00

Total Amt sent $25.00

I beg to state that in regard to Mr Everett he humbly ask that your Dept allows him the privilege of fishing for the sum of Ten Dollars the same as Mr Harris which is covered by your Dept last year for the fishing ground there at present - - - - -

That you be pleased to grant the above licenses

To the Hon the Minister of Fisheries Dept

Respectfully
I am Sir
Your most Obedient

Hamilton May 9. 1890

Dear Sir

Your letter of 8 inst. reciev'd

I do not think that Mc Craes complaint amounts to anything. It appears that the notice in a Dunville paper was Sam advertising for sale or to rent good fishing at Rollton Lake by the Canal or by the Thorn &c & signed Meeracken & Laughan and I suppose he thought he would have a crack at me seeing to spite — In my reply to the Dept I inferred that it was the only way open head of disposing of the fish and other great benefit to the farmer & that as I received no sewer you can go on as usual. and if anything crop up in the meantime I give you timely notice I cannot find any thing in the Fisheries Act in reference to what old Meeracken was squealing about I do not know where he got it unless it is a special act Please let me know if Buy is fishing

Yours Truly
Fred Gunn
J. I.

Wm J Meeracken
Four Banks

080

Hannibal Dec 9. 1890

Dear Sir

Your letter of 5 instant
received

I do not think that the
Opera Company would be
suitable. It appears that the
audience in a dining Room
will object to talking
if you want good singing at Holden
& Hotel by the Band or by the
Musical & Dramatic Societies
of Hannibal there is a great deal
of talent here & there is
no reason why you should
not get the best talent
in the City. Hannibal
is a musical city
& there is no better
place to spend an evening
than to hear a good
Opera Company

Yours truly
Geo Bowles

Hamilton May 9. 1890

Dear Sir

Your card of The 6th
duly received

And am to inform
you That yours &c. and applee
ation were sent to The Fish'y
Dept Ottawa some time ago which
I notified you at The time
And as soon as The licence is
granted I will transmit The
same to you without delay in
explanation to The delay I suppose
you must await The same as any
other Fishermen as a matter
of protection however you must
take your turn of the Crown
Lands Dept as yours Township has
nothing to do with it

yours truly
Fred Pearce
J. Inspector

Hamilton May 9/890

My Dear Macneal

I regret very much That
I was away when your Telegraph
arrived if I was home I would
certainly have up But how
ever our chances are good yet
to make a haul I will take
a trip up early next week and
make arrangements so to have
everything ready so that there
will be no delay when They are
open again. if They are not taking
a regular haul of it which I
expect They are please let
me know it They are fishing
in Trapper's (neighbouring)
Lake by Telegraph and oblige

Yours Truly

P.S.

Humbleton May 1st 1870

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 1st
duly received

And am I to infer
from that your intend to cease
your business? Do Pete Jr
[illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible] Humbleton
[illegible] Dear Sir
[illegible] Pete during
[illegible] I must [illegible]
[illegible] Pete Jr
[illegible] Yours
[illegible]
[illegible]

Humbleton May 1870

Mr. Geo. Brainard

Dear Sir

Yours favor of the 1st
duly received

And am I to infer
from that your intend to cease
your business? Do Pete Jr
[illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible] Humbleton
[illegible] Dear Sir
[illegible] Pete during
[illegible] I must [illegible]
[illegible] Pete Jr
[illegible] Yours
[illegible]
[illegible]

Hamilton May 18/89

Dear Sir

I beg to notify you that your rent for the Ferry Property — Town of Niagara for the year 1889 has become due on the 1st of this month Would you be pleased send the Amt. $10.00 Ten Dollars on the receipt of this as I require the money at once and Oblige

Yours respectfol
Mrs J W Kerr
Administratrix Estate

Hamilton May 22/89

Dear Sir

Would you kindly look up my letter dated the 25th of April last accompanied with Bank Draft No 463 for the sum of $15.00 for licenses for the following names — Chas. Ball Fort Erie Isaac Buchner Fort Banks and Messrs J.H. Dann & J.H. Culp

I have received all the rent of the licenses applied for. but it seems those are omitted Hoping that you are enjoying good health

I remain yours respectfully
Jared Kerr
Exr

J G Wilson Esq
Toronto
Dept
Victoria

Hamilton Mass 1890

Dear Sir

I beg to notify you that your note for [illegible] Dollars — Dated Boston [illegible] 1889 has become due. We have not received the interest of this note

We shall be pleased to have you remit the Principal and Interest at your earliest convenience

Yours truly

[illegible]

Hamilton Mass 1890

Dear Sir

We wish to notify you that your letter dated the 25th of April last requesting us to draw on Wells Brady & Co for the sum of $1500 for the Treasurer's Building Fund has been received. We have drawn at sight on Wells Brady & Co for the amount and have charged the same to your account.

Yours truly

[illegible]

Hamilton 22 of May 78:

Dir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No 4 for the sum of $9.00 nine Dollars - - - - - -

Would you be pleased to apply this amount as follows - For license for this current year - - -

1st/ George. H. Pelut Niagara for a Boat license to Fish 2000 yards of Herring Gill net in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Township of Niagara County of Lincoln the fee sent herewith $ 5.00

2nd/ James Telford Port Dalhousie for a license to fish one Dip net at the mouth of Welland Canal Lake Ontario the fee sent herewith

3rd/ B. G Canby Wainfleet for a license to fish 45 yds of Herring Gill net in that portion of the waters of Lake Erie fronting on the Township of Wainfleet County of Monk for the ensuing year the fee sent herewith - - - $1.00

4th/ Horatio Minor - - - - .50 yds. 1.00

5th/ George Minor - - .50 yds 1.00

Total Amt sent $9.00

I would recommend that you be prepared to grant the above licenses all of which is respectfully submitted

To the Deputy Minister I remain Sir Your Obed
Fisheries Dept Servant Fred Kerr
Ottawa D. O

Hamilton May 24. 1890

Sir

I beg to report and to draw your attention to the fact of the large number and quantities of small Salmon Trout that are still being and constantly shipped and sold at the present time from ½ lbs to 2 lbs weight the fish supposed to be caught in the waters of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay and are shipped from various fishing stations on the above Lake such as Meaford & Collingwood &c.

As far I can learn from the various Fish Dealers in this District and what I observed myself the amounts or quantities shipped far exceeds the numbers shipped here last year which I reported to your Department at the time and they even seem to be on smaller scale and are worthless as food and the Fish Dealer do not want them. If we judge on the average by the the Quantities that comes here. Hamilton Fish marked for Instance and what is constantly shipped elsewhere There must be enormous lot caught and a great distruction of these valuble fish going on

And I am afraid that if something is not done very shortly to prevent this kind of work. I might say illegal fishing for I know by experience that they must be caught by undersized nets this

valuble Fisheries will be destroyed - -
For illustration sake I might observe there is a great contrast in the size of the Salmon Trout caught in Lake Ontario which is caught by the Authorised nets and the fish coming from the above waters From the Salmon Trout of Lake Ontario I am informed to say are on the increase which I believe and contend is due to the use of legal nets and the strict observance of the close season

Mr John Davis Fish Dealer here Kindly picked out a lot small Salmon Trout that average a little over ½ a pound and kept them for me to see. And candidly speaking they were the worst that I have ever observed yet

All of which is submitted with due respect

To The Honble Minister I am Sir Your Fisheries Insp. Obedient Servant
Fred Bere
Fishery Overseer.

876

Hamilton May 27 1890

Dear Sir

Yours of the 26th Inst containing the sum of $20.00 — duly received

And am to inform you that your applications will receive earlier attention.

In regard to fishing with a seine for Bait I beg to inform you that the limits you describe are leased by Mr Richard Gilbert whose permission you must first seek and if he has no objection I have none

Yours Truly
Elliott G Clark
S P

Mr George Jordan

Hamilton June 2nd 1890

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 29 Inst

And would be much obliged to you to send me forthwith the particulars and details of such illegal fishing that occurred on the Grand River or tributaries

In these there will be a better chance of detecting those persons

Like Friendly Co-operation I remain very kindly for the communication just delivered

Yours Resp
Edward Stevenson
Fishery Inspector

Mr A Darell
Harrisburg

877

1890
Hamilton June 2nd

Dear Sir.

James Kerr
St Catherines

878

Hamilton June 2nd 1890

Dear Sir

I have been informed by good Authority That you have or are fishing with nets in the waters of Lake Erie for some time past

I send to you here not made an application to me for a license. You have therefore laid yourself liable to a heavy fine According to the Fisheries Act. That is fishing without license I hereby notify you to desist further trouble & expense is asked you to send me at once your license for the month of ~~next~~ and I will have no further immediate proceedings against you

I have good evidence and positive proof in my possession of your breaking the Fisheries Act

Chas ~~Thos~~ Tice
P. C. Toronto

Yours Truly
Jared Kerr.
Fishery Inspector
Hamilton

Familien Nachr.

Lieber Bruder Hermann
Liebe Schwägerin Ida
Liebe Kinder Ida, Hans, Fritz
Liebe Tante Anna
Liebe Verwandte

Wir haben Euch lange nicht geschrieben, weil wir immer hofften, Euch Weihnachten persönlich begrüßen zu können. Leider ist daraus nichts geworden, da wir Euch nicht einladen konnten, weil wir Euch nicht unterbringen können. Wir haben Euch oft vermißt, besonders an den Festtagen, wo wir sonst immer alle beisammen waren. Wir hoffen, daß Ihr alle gesund seid und daß Ihr Euch auch gut unterhalten habt. Wir haben Euch viel Gutes gewünscht und Euch an Euch gedacht. Wir haben Euch auch Geschenke geschickt, die Ihr hoffentlich bald erhalten werdet. Wir haben Euch auch Geschenke geschickt, die Ihr hoffentlich bald erhalten werdet.

Viele Grüße
Eure Mutter
Großmutter
Familie

Hamilton June 4th 1890

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. for the sum of $18.00 Eighteen dollars

I would you be pleased to apply this amount for licenses for this current Year 1890. as follows

1st E. Williams Burlington Beach for a license to fish one seine in waters of Lake Ontario on Fishing lot No. 4. B. Beach the fee sent herewith $5.00

2nd Messrs Phelps & Devanjie Port Colborne for a Boat license to fish 5000 yds of Herring Gill net in that portion of the waters of Lake Erie fronting on the County of Welland The fee herewith $5.00

3rd George Elliott Jordon for a Boat license to fish 4000 yds of Herring & 100 yds Gill net in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting the county of Lincoln and the fee $5.00 and also the privilege of fishing a net of Sturgeon night lines at the stipt fee of $3.00 Total $8.00

Total amt sent $18.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above applications

All of which is respectively submitted

To The Deputy Minister I am Sir Your Fisheries Dept Obedt Servt Fred. Gers Ottawa Fishery Overseer

May 90

May 5th	Charles A Harris	License	$ 10 00	Sent by Bank
	Nicholas Everett	"	10 00	Draft No. 14 on
	J B Shetline	"	5 00	the 6-12 of May

May 22	George St Paul	License	$ 5 00	Sent by Bank
	James Telford	Dispensation	1 00	Draft No 64 on
	B F Canby	License renewed	1 00	22 nd of May
	Horatio Wilmot	" "	1 00	1890
	George Wilson	"	1 00	

Total Amt sent during $ 34 00 the Month May

Fred Kerr
Hamm

Hamilton

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Brought Over

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Aug 23 Off Pt Orange Pier St Catherines
and Gothics matter not found upon
Chimney right By fine Clear 9 1/2 P. Pt Rodger
Bears for Pier Chain 30 miles Hauled & Secured
all Sails Pt 6 0 Cts Buoys 8 Cts 30 Cts Hauled 10 Cts 100 4 60
24 Loading and Moving Coals 1
25 Waiting &c 1
30 Off the Port Port Colborne Pier St Catherines
Wind fair from W.S.W. Lots of Americans
fishing in our waters but found no
Cargo on board Off fine 3 to 4 P. M. Moored
67 Ms for Big Stonebridge Buck 9 miles P
Shore Hospital 75 Cts for Dinner 1 65 2 90
31 Off from Port Colborne for Port Dal
Passed thro Welland Canal Stopped
at Thorold for Pilot and Gothics
Home Off fine 3 1/2 Pilot at Allanburg Hailed at
Port Dalhousie 2 Cts Dinner and at Murray Bears
2 Cts Beer 1 Ct Struck our Colours 6 Cts 1 68 2 70
Paid for Telegram from Merrights and
Oneida Town Clerk at 50 Cts
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Capt Kerr

Bonnellie

Hamilton June 4th 1890

Sir

I beg to submit to your Honourable for your consideration and approval my account and expenditure incurred by me during my duties in this Division for the month of May.

The Amount is $81.14cts a large Amount of this expense was incurred by me in keeping a strict watch and guard in reference to the Americans fishing on our waters at Point Abino & Port Colborne but as so far I am unable to make an seizure as they become very wary & careful they were seen fishing in several instances one net was seen reputed to have been 4 miles long which was set one evening and was raised before I was able to be on hand being away when the telegraph or information came And when I arrived at the locality they had Decamped I have several parties now on a at the named Pts on the shores of the Lakes keeping a close watch as to there movements

all of which is respectively submitted

I am Sir Yours
Obed. Serv.
Fred. Kerr
Fishery Overseer

To the Deputy
Fisheries
Ottawa.

Hamilton June 6th 1890

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 6th instant Containing the sum of $5:00 for a Fishing Licence

And am to inform you that your application will receive early attention

I am Sir
Your Obt Servt
Fred Gore
Fishery Insp

Hamilton June 12 1890

Dear Sir

Yours of the 7th inst duly on hand

And am to inform you that your informal and Complicated in regard to Nets Machines will receive my early and due attention in the course of a few days

I am Sir
Your Obt Servt
Fred Gore
Fishery Inspector

Hamilton June 23rd 1891

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Money Order No for the sum of $110.00 Eleven Dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this amount for licenses for this current year 1890. as follows

No 1 D. Weaver Port Colborne for a license to fish one seine in the waters of Lake Erie fronting on the Township of Humberstone County of Welland the fee sent herewith $5.00

No 2 Wm H. Ferris, Sow Banks, for a license to fish 900 yards of Herring Gill Net in the waters of Lake Erie at Moulton Bay fronting on the Township of Wainfleet County of Monck for to fish for his own use and not for Barter or Sale The Stipe fee sent $1.00

No 3 Henry Dodge " " " " " $1.00

No 4 Alex Macgregor " " " " " 1.00

No 5 Andrew Burkett " " " " 1.00

No 6 Edward Fee " " " " 1.00

No 7 Ambrose Petit Grimsby for a license to fish 200 yards " " in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on the Township of Grimsby County of Wentworth " " 1.00

Total Amt sent $5.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above licenses all of which is submitted with due respect I am Sir your obedient servant

To The Deputy Minister of Fisheries Dept Ottawa

Geo. Herr

Hamilton June 23rd 1870

Sir

I beg to report for your information that I received an letter from Mr Lazzelle Neal who hails from Ridgeway Complaining and stating that he had heard that Mr Isaac Mackener a fisherman located at Fort Banks on Lake Erie was in the habit of catching Pickerel and Bass during the close season with his seine for the above fishes and calling my attention to the circumstances and insisting upon me in taking action in the matter at the same time giving me the names of several parties who he supposed would be able to prove the case

I therefore took the liberty of proceeding to the locality in question myself and investigate the said charges and try and ascertain if there was any truth in his report I beg to state that I made strict enquiries among the people residing near by but failed to find any substantial evidences whereby to ensure a case as I was informed and understood from a good many that Mr. Mackener was a very careful man in regard to catching Pickerel or Bass during the close

close season for the Salmon fish as many
complaints have been made to me by many
persons but this fish cannot be taken
for domestic purposes
by interested parties
I might state here in reference to Mr
Caldwell's application for a license for
the fish several Persons
in this locality
are likely to apply
ment on my report
plication on the grounds of this fish
in relation to the great benefit
this neighbouring farmers may derive
as I can learn
for his not getting
I understand
Rideau way some
could in some way injure Mr Mclennan
by bringing charges against him I do
not succeed in seeing Mr Mclennan
being away at the time I was visiting
the grounds but as far as I can learn
Mr Seal had made some great threats
against him and what he would do
and how he will have an
license for fish there next year too.
Therefore submit this for your consideration
matter with due respect
I am Sir Your
obedient Servant
Fred: Wyatt
Supt

Ottawa

Hamilton June 22: 179[illegible]

My Dear Sir I thought I might
spare you a few lines
I was in Dunville the other
day on my way to Dunnville
I might say that I was
very poorly and had some
making great efforts to get
this place. but
says not. and I think he
is about right. for Confidence
ly his appointment
way of thinking
do for there is no dependence
in him. He had the cheek
the other day to call on several
farmers who fishes at
it for there was one in the
vicinity of two Banks and

and solicite their license
for they greatly called him
to mind his own business
that as soon as I came along
they could pay me which
they did
I am really ready now to
commence the report on the
bill of rates for the licenses
I intend to see the Magistrates
fishermen and get their opinion
upon it as soon as I come down at Dunville
the other day. I could not
make much out of Warner
Sergent I dont know what
to make of him in regard
to it he would say one thing
and another so I dont expect
much help from him
on my Travels the other day

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dear I heard that there is
great number of small Bass
and other fish caught in
the Seine nets the party who
conform me seem in fact the
[illegible] size of Spratts but
the information was not
considered [illegible]

[illegible] that you are enjoy
ing good health

I remain yours
respectfully
Fred Hearn
C. C.

[illegible]

June 90

June 4th	E Williams	Licence	5 00	Sent by Bank
"	Phelps & Savage	"	5 00	Draft No 96 Ia
	George Elliott	"	8 00	Ad Depot 40 Sq
				June
June 28th	L C Spencer	"	6 00	Sent by Bank
	W F Ferris	"	1 00	Draft No 144
	Henry Dodge	"	1 00	Philadelphia
	Col C C Gregor	"	1 00	the 29 June
	Andrew J Birkett	"	1 00	1890
	Edward Lee	"	1 00	
	Ambrose Pettit		1 00	
		Total Am	29 00	

Incl Here

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Hamilton
Wm Ford Kerr
The first
Thursday of June 90

June 3d Down at Burlington Beach with
a waggon & sundry articles for the
Fishing ground N.B 16 miles distant
at Dynes Hotel 2s 6d

" 6 Writing & answering letters 1 HB 16 7 2 6
" 9 Down at Burlington Beach
Measured to the centres of Hamilton
distance to N.B miles 17. 7 2 00 1 HB 17 2 00
" 13 Down at B. Beach attending to
the seine fishing (no fish) for
small white fish (very few caught)
N.B miles 17 @ 2.00 to Stephen at
Dynes Hotel 2 6 6d
" 14 Writing & sundry private letters &c 1 HB 18 2 2 6
" 16 off to Hagersburg on report of
[illegible] 1
on
Mr
[illegible]
[illegible] 1 Mare 2 60
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
19. Writing [illegible] 1 Mare 1 5 6
20 Officiating [illegible] 1
[illegible]
[illegible] for 2 0 7 0 6 5

Yacht Nora

Cruise

Mon first Mon 20th June 90

Aug 2 11 16 6r

" Mileage from Dep. to four Rocks $2.00, 30 mls

Pd Coxswain for Dinner 25 cts 1 Pg M. 5 90

" 21 Off from Port Colborne Homeward bound to Cattaraugus

Came to Lake Erie at Cattaraugus Creek Mouth at

Remained for supper Bed Breakfast 25 cts

Pd 25 cts for Dinner at Old Pete Mayer's Hotel 2 Pg 65 2 85

" 22 Down at Burlington Beach good Sailing

Left Cattaraugus Creek at 6 A.M. Sailed

Sailed into Lake Erie miles 2 Hours 5 1 HR 20 2 90

" 26 Off Chippewa via Suspension Bridge

Niagara Falls Left Cattaraugus Creek for Buffalo $1.00

Before the Lighter Wind Shifted to East Hauled

from Queenston to Queenston 18 miles Down the

River to Niagara on the Lake Pd Canal Dues at Hamilton 2 Miles 1 40 2 00

" 27 Off from Niagara Home via Suspension

Bridge Fare $1.25 Pd Freight Hs for same 125 Pg .75 3 00

" 28 Down at Burlington Beach Waiting

If any fishing were carried on

during Saturday Night found no

Surface wind N.E. 1 32.00 1 HR 15 2 00

Portage Hamper 1/2 1 25

" 10 Telegraphed to Stockdale Sergeant

Yacht Nora

Yacht Nora

Hamilton July 1st 1886

Sir

I beg to submit to you herewith for your consideration & approval my Cheque with accompanying vouchers covering my claims for services during the month of June

The amount is $280.00 which I thought should be for your information that I was compelled to keep a Coast watch as usual for the whale fish on Barlings Beach. As a large number of splashed fish were caught during the month. Dog fish have not been observed in this vicinity for a great number of years past. So I am keeping a sharp lookout that no small meshed nets shall be used in the nets so engaged in fishing for them - I also stop fishing and ordered out any Herring Bill net that may have been on a nea the shore as such nets are apt to drive away the whale fish

I remain Sir your Obedient Servant
Chief Warden
Fishing Service

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

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Mr. D. Hensel Pt. Dalhousie

Hamilton July 4 1890

My Dear Hensel

I am instructed by the Hon. Minister of Fisheries to devise a set of rules in regulating the size of the mesh of gillnets used in the Lake Fisheries and also adopting a close season for the preservation of these fish: Having the above objects in view which would be acceptable to you Fishermen and at the same time ensure the preservation of the fish. Therefore I would deem it a great favour if you and Son would kindly let me know by return mail your views and opinion in regard to this matter and also any suggestion you might wish to make to effect

Yours truly
Fred Pierce J. P.

Hamilton July 2 1890

Dear Sir In answer to your letter of the 26 ult. I am to inform you that the Fisheries Act says that no person will fish any net and get a license under the hand of the Minister of Fisheries or those that he may authorize to issue them and that no person shall sell or offer for sale any fish caught in the waters of Ontario during the close season

Yours truly
Fred Pierce
Fishery Inspector
Hamilton

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S. P. Bassett Esq
Fisheries Dept Ottawa

Hamilton July 4th 1890

My Dear Sir
Would you Kindly forward my Three month check as soon as possible. As I have a notice to meet in a few days and am depending on this money to pay it

You must pardon me for troubling you, but if it was not a necessity I would not ask you the favour as I expected the money at the usual time before the first of the month.

I am preparing my report on the ciscoes at present I will be sure to send you the report before transmitting the same to the Dept thanking you very kindly for your promised help.

Yours truly Jas. Ker

Wollond Esq
Deputy

Hamilton July 4th 1890

My Dear Wollond
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Therefore I would deem it a great favour if you would kindly let me know by return mail your opinion or any ideas in regard to the matter hand also any suggestion you may have & Oblige

Yours truly
Jas. Ker

Hamilton July 7th 1890

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft-No [illegible] for the sum of $10.00 Ten dollars -

Would you be pleased to apply this for licenses for the year 1890 for the following fishermen

1st Joseph Meadus Niagara for a Boat license already received & Delivered the fee $5.00

2nd James McMillen Niagara for a Boat License already received & delivered the fee $5.00

Total Amt sent $10.00

Respectfully submitted

I am sir your obedient servant

Fred Gee

In the Deputy Minister Fisheries Dept Ottawa

Hamilton July 14/810

Dear Sir

Yours of the 8th duly received. Where upon see fit to write to the matter of my charging you so high for your fishing license. I beg to inform you. That the regulated fee set by the Fishery Dept for a Seine Jug is the sum of $25.00. Now in your case I brought the matter before the Dept in your favour in the best possible light informing them of you being a steady Enterprising young men &c &c and asking that the License be reduced as much as possible &c. And they generally consented to fix it at the Sum of $20.00 so you will admit that it was not my fault if you still think you are charged too much. You must also observe that in using a Seine Jug you have a great advantage over other fishermen being able to get out in all kinds of weather best calm or windy and also making quicker time. Therefore being able to dispose of your fish much faster and better advantage if you were fishing otherwise. Now under these circumstances I cannot see what you really have to complain of! You also must bear in mind that you were fully aware of that you must pay a higher license before going in first. So you will please observe

Hannibal July 14/88

Dear Sir

Yours of the 8th duly re-
ceived. Where you are fit-
ted for the position of new Chemi-
cal Engineer to help that people fit
up their new plant. The in-
crease in salary will be
$ 2.50 per week. Your expenses
will be paid from Hannibal to
Chicago & return. Please
let me know at once if you
can accept this position.

Yours truly

Hannibal July 14/88

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Yours of the 8th duly re-
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let me know at once if you
can accept this position.

Yours truly

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Hamilton July 14/890

Dear John

Yours of the 11th duly to hand. I am sorry that trouble is brewing again. I have just wrote a letter to Mr Longhurst which I hope will open his eyes I might state that I am very busy at present but as soon as I get a little down I will be down I wish you could send your license fee as soon as possible as there is going to be trouble your might be all fined for fishing without license for advertising & the C.C. you must have a license before commencing fishing

Yours Truly
T. J. Tees

That I have no other alternative but to carry out my instructions and see that the money is paid

In conclusion I might draw your attention to the trouble and the annoyance that you and Peter Nathe your fellow fishermen has caused myself and the Dept by your vacillating quarelling I have just received a letter from John Penly complaining of you three als and I have almost made up my mind to recommend to the Dept to stop the bath & your licenses and have done with it when other fishermen can live in peace why not you

Yours Truly
Jas. Tees

June 90

June 4th	E. Williams	Leeme	$5.00 Sent By Bank
"	Phelps & Twogie	"	5.00 Draft No 96 Rec'd
"	George Elliott	"	8.00 the Sept on the 4th inst 1890
June 23rd	J. Weaver	"	6.00
"	W H Ferris	"	1.00 Sent by Bank
"	Henery Lodge	"	1.00 Draft No 144 Rec'd
"	Alex Mc Gregor	"	1.00 the Sept on the
"	Andrew Birkett	"	1.00 23 of June 1890
"	Edward Lee	"	1.00
"	Ambrose P.T.I.	"	1.00
"	Joseph Master	"	5.00
	James McMillen		5.00

Total Amt sent during the $39.00 Month of June

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Rec'd Wm Hamilton

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Hamilton July 23 1890

Dear Sir

In reference to your Complaint. The Fisheries Act enacts thus in Sec. chap. 95 Sec. 14 & 2 Seine nets or other fishing appliances shall not be set in such manner or in such places as to obstruct the Navigation of Boats and Vessels. And no Boats or Vessels shall be permitted to destroy or wantonly injure in any way any seines nets or other appliances lawfully set

So under this Clause I consider if he injures your in any way whatever you have a perfect right to claim damages as your license calls for a certain limits described therein

Hamilton July 23 1890

My Dear Sergent

I have at most all the information required in regard to the reference to the close season for the fisheries enough that will enable me to commence my report &c I might say with the evidences on hand I have concluded to recommend to have the close season either in December or January as far as I can learn by strict enquiry as to the time that those fish dyes the most spawning. Therfore I would like to see you. if it would be possible to come down if not please write me your opinion & oblige

Yours &c

1890
Hamilton July 25

My Dear McCrea

Your Card just arrived I did not receive your other Card you mention in fact I expect Ed to hear from you long before This. I was about waiting you in reference to Pew Licenses but I am glad you have got it. I have received all the monies due in That District when you were and what you have collected I collected several dollars after you left me That day I came across a fellow who Robbed me everything. Would you Kindly forward The money you have on hand as soon as possible as I want to send all monies I have on hand before the end of The

Cover everything but you cant prevent them from passing in or out of the Bay as fishing leases does not interfere with Navigation

But however I would get a good Lawyer opinion on the Subject before taking any Action If there any more Sunday fishing either haul them up or Send me There names and I will Prosecute them or if This fishing is carried on very extensively if it is necessary I will come up some Sunday and make an example of some of them. You may notify the owners of the Steamer to be very careful in my name and also Geo Sinn my opinion you are not compelled to Have a Lisence Yours Truly

Mr Wm Scott
Bedford

David Keys

month so as to enable me to make out my annual monthly return. I would be glad to see you & to see your [illegible] You are welcome at our house please let me know before coming so I can meet you. Give my best regards & wishes to the old gentleman

Yours Truly
Fred Herr
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Mr C. [illegible]
[illegible]

Hamilton August 24th 1891

Sir

I beg to report in answer to your instruction of the 26th July file No 20.90 requesting me to ascertain if there was any objection to an application of Mess Mc Greenthein of Buffalo N.Y. for a license to Gill net 1800 feet long for his own use in the waters of Lake Erie at the mouth of Grand River I am pleased through Inspector Bell to report that I called on the Boyle and enquired of him as to any objections to the granting of a license he informed me that at the place a beautiful Summer resort has been started the having a cottage there himself and a number of American Gentlemen comes over during the summer for recreation and spends their money to the benefit of the neighbourhood in Rowboats and other improvements and were not bona fide Fishermen about were fishing enough for sport he did not see any objection I concur with him in that respect but I would recommend that the charge the sum $15.00 instead of $10.00 on account of being an American

All of which is respectfully submitted

I am sir your

Yo. Obdt. Servant

To The Deputy Minister Fisheries Dept. Ottawa

Inspector

Hamilton August 14th 1894

Sir

I beg to send you herewith Bank Draft No. 24 for the sum of $120.00 one hundred & twenty dollars -

Would you be pleased to apply this Amount for Licenses for this current year 1894 as follows

Jas Lewis Port Dalhousie for a license to one Salt fish Seine 240 yards long in Red Charlton of the waters of Lake Erie fronting on the Township of Moulton at Port Dalhousie the same as last year $5.00

Jas Cyrenius Dean Port Colborne for a License to fish a short Seine to Catch Herring for his own use in front of Farm fronting the Township of Humberstone $10.00

Abram Barnett Long Banks .. .. to fish 200 yds of Herring Gill net fronting the Township of Moulton for his own use in the waters of Lake Erie $10.00

Total Amt sent $120.00

I would recommend that you do please sd Amt - the above Licenses

Respectfully submitted

To the Deputy Minister Yours
Fisheries Dept Obt Servt
Ottawa. Jno C. Kerr
J.O

Genl: Kerr
Hamilton
Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia July 90

July 6th Drawn at Bras d'Or Lake Nova Scotia
[illegible]

22 Drawing and Proving letters &c	1		
23 Drawn at Pictou Harbour Nova Scotia Sailing up the Whycocomagh Lake Nova Scotia & arrived at Baddeck	1	14	2 00
28 Drawn at Baddeck a Village situated between the Eastern North and West Arms of Bras d'Or Lake & Calling Leaflets at Niagara but could get no money by them	1	16	2 00
	7	70	5 00

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2 0
5 0
160 14 5

Hamilton August 15th 1879.

Yfyle No 963890

Sir

Agreeably to your instructions of the 27th of april last directing me to make full enquiries relative to the Sea-cat Fishery of Lake Ontario with the views of recommending proper Reasons and suitable Sizes of mesh. And to seek Overseer Sargent opinion in connection therewith: I therefore have the honor to report as follows

In the first place I frequently interviewed Overseer Sargent on this important matter and tried to secure his cooperation as directed in conducting this investigation and making a joint recommendation but. I regret to state that my advances met with very little encouragement; Overseer Sargent contentions from the first was that no close season or restrictions of any kind were required or necessary since Sea-cats were more plentiful and met

The

John Tilton Esq
Deputy Minister of Fisheries
Ottawa

the increase and marked no fewer-
tion. This is so palpably erroneous
and contrary to facts that I need
not dwell further on the subject.
I shall therefore satisfy myself
with placing before your Excellency
(Appx. E.) in which he
states his reasons for the course pur-
sued.

In connection therewith it may
not be amiss to remark that Mr.
Sargent is a curer & fishermen himself
carrying on the business in partnership
with the Joyces of Brock and that
this may be a certain external influ-
ence his views on this important
question: In opposition to Overseer
Sargent's contentions. I beg to attach
a letter received from Wm. B. Wood-
land of Port Credit in answer to my
enquiries a man who has had large
experience in curing fishing on
Lake Ontario: besides having been
for several years, engaged in the
Whitefish and Salmon Trout fish-
eries of Lake Superior (Appx. F.) you
will please notice how strongly Mr.
Woodland urges the necessity of large
mesh & that only large and

and

and Merchantable fish be caught and the adoption of a close season during the months of December and January

With these preliminary remarks and explanations I shall now proceed to state my own views so far as my experience and knowledge will allow me

Habits of the Fish

Ova-cases are very much like young Cobitis fish in appearance so much so: that it is difficult sometimes for a novice to distinct the difference which lies in the shape of the mouth and the softness of the flesh. This last particularly make it difficult to keep ova-cases any length of time during the hot weather without curing them

These fish frequent the same feeding grounds as the Cobitis fish but: they keep in very deep water seldom coming inshore but slowly moving from one locality for an other. This explains why there may be good fishing at certain

certain

certain Species one year Will bring few Fish Spawn Where during the following year. These Conjectures are caused I presume. by change in the feeding and breeding ground

Breeding season

When do crocus spawn This is a matter a difficult Question to answer, owing to the depth of water in which the fish usually lie. Some fishermen contend and maintain, that they breed the whole year round. because some fish be found with spawn during summer as well as in Winter. Others again claim that they breed twice a year. but this opinion I cannot share. as it would be in contradiction with the well known habits of the species

Duncan McGillivray an old experienced Fishermen residing at Burlington Beach says that most of the spawning take place in December. and January and this views of the above is borne out by Mr Woodard and also by the

the

The Niagara Fishermen. Suffice it to
say in harmony with the laws governing
the breeding periods of
the Whitefish family

That the above remarks
would prove a proper Close Season
is supported by the additional
fact. That during the Christmas
season. Markets are completely
glutted with ice cover. especially that
kd. And as Gill nets have been re
moved a long time sufficient
warning to storing weather it natu
ally follows that large numbers
of fish are lost. Whilst the nets
are bound to fish so long as they
remain in the water whether cut
and away or not

However. All agree upon one
point that something must be
done. if this valuable fishery
is to be saved from ruin by de
pletion: but there is a difference
of opinion as to the means of
carrying this out. The Bahnli
people in instances favor a three
mos close time. extending from
1st May. to 1st September. But with
this as common claims, I cannot
cannot

and

Commercial Fishery

The close season should either cover the month of January or that of February rather than the former as in Julius Constation, either months would in my opinion be suitable: but. I prefer the month January. as I have seen the scales and the bellows of Boats literally torn and with spawn when coming on shore to remove the fish in the above month and. also because it being the date nearer to those of the Cobuli fish family, which in our Great Lakes are known to spawn during the period extending from November to January and also because this should cover the time during which the ice is most liable to be glutted and fishing operations most difficult

Size of mesh

On this point, there is likewise a great diversity of opinion. Some contends that large meshes of say 4½ or 5½ inch extension

Enclosure No 9.

enclosure which are been one of the
major causes of the present de-
pletion, as well the largest fish
so what Thus the Barrelon. has
caught with this large mesh which
affects claims with just as little
reason That the mesh shall be
no low as 2½ inches enclosure mea-
sure. but this latter view, I cannot
in any manner agree. I am of the
opinion That no nets should be
allowed but those measuring
from 2½ to 3 inches. I beg to refer to
the following figures from Ord. B.
(Woollards Little Ayr B)

Price of Fishes caught with 2½ inch mesh
2 do. 3 do. 3½ do.
do do 3½ do 3½ do
do do 3½ do 4 do

This Table of prices are the Ave.
ordy Market. The Mamellon Fish
Market corresponds with these prices
nearly so, but I think that the
3½ inch mesh would be objectionable
as small Salmon Trout might be
caught therein, as the thing has
already occurred, I am informed
& so conclude. I recommend
as common

No 9

Recommend 1st That there be a close
Season for crabs extending from the
15th to 31st of January
2nd That no other mesh be allowed
but those measuring from 3 to 3½
inches extension measure. and that
nothing below or above this be allowed

I have therefore given you my
views Knowledge and opinions and
the opinions of practical Fishermen
in regard to this question on board
the crabs Fishery. to the best of
my ability without descending and
impartial as possible. at the same
time leaving it in your own hands
for your own consideration

I am sir your
John Gillon Esq. Obedient Humble
Deputy Minister Fred: Gossage
Fishery Dept Fishery Overseer
Ottawa Hamilton

Private

Hamilton Augt 18/1886

My Dear Woollard

You must excuse me for not answering your Kind letter in reference to my enquiries as to the Ls-coats Fisheries before this I have just finished my report on the subject and forwarded it to the Hon Minister and I believe it will make a good impression on his mind your letter was a great help to me it could not been better. because Overseer Sargent Contended from the first that the eiseases were on the increase instead of decreasing this was so palpably erroneous and contrary to fact that I just attached your letter to my report in Contradiction to this assertion

I am afraid if Sargent does change his drugs he will get into miss Jacommended the month of January for the close time. Ls-coat fishery has been very poor all this summer in my district the worst that has been in Memory for years. Hoping you and family are well

Yours Truly

Fred Gruer

J O

Wm B Woollard
Port Credit

Hamilton Augt 19th 1890

Dear Sir

I understand that you are under the impression that you have aright to fish under the license granted by me to one Jas Mercer last year - -
As I do not wish to take undue advantage and to save you trouble & expense as you may be ignorant of the Law governing our Fisheries. I take the liberty of informing you that Jas Mercer license has expired on the first of the year
And no one is allowed to fish without license in any way whatever. under a heavy penalty according to the fish ingry act

Yours Truly
J. J. Kelly
Fishing Inspector

Hamilton Augt 29th 1890

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter of the 26th Instant - I am to inform you that the stipulated fee set by the Fishery Dept for a license to fish night lines is the sum of $3.00 payable in advance to fish in any part of the waters of Lake Ontario or mouth of Canal

Yours Truly
Fred. Mc Cre
Fishery Inspecto

Hamilton Augt 23. 1870

Sir

I beg to send you herewith Bank Draft No 317 for the sum of $10.00 Ten dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this amount for licenses for this current year. as follows -

1st/ Thomas Armstrong Burlington Beach for a Boat license to fish 4000 yards of Herring gill net in the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on fishing lot No. 7 Burlington Beach The fee sent herewith $6.00

2nd/ Thomas. Hand Bronte for a Boat license to fish 4000 yards of Herring gill net in that portion of the waters of Lake Ontario from Wilson old pier to George Lewis upper line fronting on the Township of Saltfleet County of Wentworth the fee sent herewith $4.00

Total Amount sent 10.00

I beg to explain here that Thos Armstrong bought out Daniel Filch who possessed lot No. 7 last year. B. Beach. Caused in granting Thos Hand his license to the above limits to revise to enter into with any Farmer taking out a license to fish for his own use

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above licenses I am Sir your

To The Deputy Minister Obedt Servt Fred. Flett
Fisheries Dept Ottawa

Hamilton August 28th 90

Sir I beg to report for your information that I am informed by good Authority. Which I consider is reliable information. That a number of small sized Exhibit Fish Gill Nets are fished at what is known as Fishermen Bay. Lake Ontario. The nets are said to be about 3½ inch mesh and are supposed to be catching a large quantity of small White Fish

Furthermore I beg to state that I am also informed. but do not know how true it is.. That there has been two seines fishing at Toronto Island all season with small or illegal meshes. The fish were sold in the Toronto Fish Market. The offenders are Dalzell and one Montgomery. and Aboard.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your information and attention

I am sir Your Obedient Servt
Fred Gee
F. O

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

Circular
166-90

Hamilton August 29th 67

Sir

Agreeably to your instructions of the 20th Ultimo. directing me to report whether salmon Bass are caught in my Division. and, if any are exported to the United States. Asked also my opinion as to the prohibition of this export- and would it be a benefit to the preservation of the Bass Fishery

I beg to state that as far as my Division is concerned in connection with this question of exportation there is very little or any of it done that I am aware of. At the Town of Niagara the mouth of the Niagara river emptying into Lake Ontario there is a great amount of Angling and Sailing done by American Tourists during the summer season they stay for a short period and being the first home with them among Canadian Anglers in fishing. But. however these Bass are generally or almost entirely caught in the American side of the river opposite the American Port and landed on this side. and ship at at

John Gillin Esq.
Deputy Minister

at once to their destination but at the Buffalo & Lancaster. At Dunnville there is very few Bass caught in the fishing machines. as the fish only appears in this locality during the close season & spawn. and the few license fishermen there are very careful and do not destroy them in the Spawning season

At Port Erie there are several licenses but no bass has been caught for several years past owing I presume to the pollution of the waters of the river by the Authorities of Buffalo - dumping Offal and Garbage into the river which has almost succeeded in depleting this once valuable Fishery

At the others Bass Fisheries such as the 20-30-40 mile Creeks Bay Lenglin Bay & mile Creek and the river Credit Tributary streams of Lake Ontario where there is enormous amount of Bass Caught by Anglers during the present fishing season a large increase over last Year. Some weighing over six lbs do not believe that one has been exported from either those places and them who make an Lively hood by Angling and trolling say that they have a good home Market for the Bass caught with good Prices and Quick sales

Of Course my opinion Coincides with all Persons in favour of any Kind of Laws to prevent any exportation of any Kind of Bass to the United States but them be confined where they may do. allowing such proceeding will certainly have a tendency to increase the desire of those engaged in the Bass Fishery to prosecute the trade to a greater extent. Then if we only had our home Market. As it is a well known fact that the Buffalo Fish Companies are always ready to purchase any Kind of Fish at almost any price if so required from a salmon Trout to a Bull Head

In the Grand River between the Town of Dunnville and Port Maitland in the Late Overseers Division there is a number of seines fishing which I presume Catches a large number of Bass which I understand are shipped to the United States this is the only place that I am aware of.

In Conclusion I therefore recommend without hesitation that all exportation of Bass be prohibited to the United States as I my opinion is it would certainly tend to the preservation of the Bass Fishery in General

All of which is respectively submitted

I am Sir your Obedient Servant

John Gilkison Esq
Deputy Inspector
Fisheries

Fred. Tyrrell
D.O.

1820

Hamilton August 29

Dear Madam

Would you be pleased to forward your license for the sum of £15:00 as soon as I am absolutely ordered by the Brothers Dept. to collect all Licenses Fees dues without further delay

I am very sorry that I am compelled to notify you thus but I have no help for it but to obey the instructions received respecting you and I am sly &c &c

Yours respectfully
Jas. Hamilton
D.C.G.

Mrs Jane Elliott
Niagara

1820

Hamilton August 29

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to forward your license for £5:00 as soon as I am instructed by the Brothers Dept. to collect all monies due without further delay so please govern yourself accordingly and dont fail to send the money immediately as I have no other alternative but to carry out the instructions received

Yours truly
Jas. Hamilton
D.C.G.

Mills & Keith
Niagara

Hamilton

1840

Hamilton August 29th

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to forward your Licence Fee the sum of £5:0s at once as I am instructed by the Fishery Dept to collect at once. So govern yourself Accordingly and dont fail to send the money immediately as I have no other alternative but to carry out the instructions received as I must have the money or take steps to get it

Yours Truly

Chas Currie
Fisheries
Niagara

Geo. G. Hees
J. P.

1840

Hamilton Aug 24

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to forward your Licence fee £5:0s at once as I am instructed by the fishery dept to collect at once please govern yourself accordingly and dont fail to send it immediately as I have no other alternative but to carry out the instruction required

Yours Truly

Messrs Miller & Moore
Niagara

Geo. G. Hees
J. P.

1890

Hamilton Augt 29

Dear Sir

Would you be please to forward your license fee the sum of $15:00 without fur ther delay. as I am instructed by the Fishery Dept to collect all monies due at once - So govern yourself accordly and dont fail to send the money immediately. As I have no other alternative but to carry out the instructions received, I must have the money or take steps to get it

Yours Truly

Bell Ormsby Gaol Keeper

Hamilton Augt 29/90

My dear Bolton

Would you be please to forward me your licence fee the sum of $15:00 that includes yours and Chas the Boat licenses and Sturgeon grounds at once. Yes I am instructed by the Fishery Dept to collect all licence fees due without further delay. I am very sorry to be compelled to notify you Thus but I have no help for it but to obey the instructions received to govern yourself accordly. Hoping that you are well

Yours Truly

John Bolton Ex Fisheries

Gaol Keeper

1890

Hamilton Sept 24th

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to forward your license fee the sum of $5;00 without further delay. As I am instructed by the Fishery Dept to collect all monies at once. So govern yourself accordingly and dont fail to send the money enclosed safely As I have no other alternative but to carry out the instructions received & remain Yours Truly

Patterson Chief Fishermen Niagara

Yours Truly
Jared Kerr
G.O

1890

Hamilton Sept 24th

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to forward your license fee the sum of $5;00 at once As I am instructed by the Fishery Dept to collect all monies due without further delay so please govern yourself accordly and dont fail to send it immediately as I have no other alternative but to carry out my instructions. Just received

Yours Truly

Hon. Ball Bey Niagara

Jared Kerr
G.O

Hamilton Sept 29 1890

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to forward by your Licence for the sum of $2.50 without further delay as I am instructed by the Fisheries Dept to collect all monies due at once I am very sorry to be compelled to make you this but I have no help for it but to carry out my instructions received to govern myself accordingly and dont fail to send the money immediately

I am very much oblige for the fish they were really splendid

Wm Meinel
Yours Truly
Joseph Lera
P.C.

Hamilton Sept 29 1890

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to forward your Licence for the sum of $2.50 as soon as I am instructed by the Fisheries Dept to collect all monies due at once without further delay So govern yourself accordingly and dont fail to send it immediately as I have no other alternation but to carry out the instructions received

P. Meinel
P.C.

Yours Truly
Joseph Lera
P.C.

Hamilton Aug 25 1890

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to send the Balance of your license fee the sum of $2.00 at once for I am instructed by the Fishery Dept to collect all monies due without further delay I am sorry to be compelled to notify you thus but I have no other alternative but to carry out my instructions if I have to take legal steps to do so. So trusting you will be guided accordingly

Hamilton Aug 25 1890

My Dear John

Would you be pleased to forward your license fee without further delay as I must have the money at once I am sorry to be compelled to notify you thus but as I am instructed by the Dept to collect at once I have no other alternative but to carry out the same regulations Peter promised to send the money about Thursday and it has not come yet Please attend to it at once & oblige Hoping you and all are well

Yours Truly
Jno. Gleeson

Mr John Bentz
Dalhousie

Hamilton Augt 29 1890

Friend Bishop

Mailed yours Kindly attended to. Re The Payment of your teaching Licence Great Seal & your Bonds without further delay. I am very sorry to be compelled to trouble you and thus but es. I am instructed by The Finance Dept to collect it one. I believe no other alternative but to enforce it. The instructions received Hoping that you will be able to attend to this immediately I remain

Yours respectfully

[illegible]
Manager

August 90

Augst 4	Lewis Peer	Store Licence	5-00	Sent by Bank
"	Cypress near	Limestone	1 00	Draft No 271
"	Alvan Barrack	own do	1 00	on 3 of August
				Rec'd
" 28th	Thos. Armstrong	Coal Licence	5-00	Sent By Bank
	Thos. Hand	" "	5-00	Draft No 317 Rec'd
				the 29th on the
			29	29th

Total amt sent during the 17 days month August

Fred. Peer
Hamilton

Journal Kept
by Lieutenant
Thos Hurd

The 31st of August 90

August 1st Left Port Dauphin and Ridge
with the inspect Wm Hurd Esqr
and Lieutenant at Ridgeway Pt. Jane
92,04 Miles Dined at Arisaig N.S. Lewis
50 Chs

	2nd	Left from Ridgeway Port Joseph Shore	
		Engineer about Arisaig Made Pt	
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	7	Reading report on Arisaig Harbour	1	
	12	reading & answering Letters	1	
	16	Reading on report of Arisaig Harbour	1	
	16	Writing & Reading Letters		
	18	Left Port Richmond Harbour		
		Fishermans Cove 4 Miles for Lawrence		
		Town Port Hawkesbury N.S.		
		60 Miles 1 Day Dined at Sydney		
		Left	1 N.B. 55	5 2 6
	20	Town at Pt. Bourbon Called and		
		left the fishing Vessels and left		
		Pt. Prime Called at Pt. Dalhousie	1 0 N.B. 21	2 5 0
	23	Left Port Dalhousie Port Dalhousie		
		Inspection Pt. Prime 3 Miles Pt Pudique		
		for Sig Gut Bay Shore 23 Miles		
		Town 2 Chs left all Hands at Work		
		Mr Hurd 2 Chs left Arisaig	1 Jamaica	3 4 0
	24	Left from Arisaig Cove	10 2 18	15 5 5

Yrsd: Hers.
Hamilton
The first

Ola 31 of August 90

10 2/3 16-00

Comia Cuse and looking after
sundry forthing said to be Carried on
Starlets at 30 Cents in any forward
no engagements Pd Postmaster
for 30 cts Paid Wakefield 4/6 ch
for Red Ranger 4/6 Ann Burns 3-ch 6d
Car 28 Ranch 3-ch 1 1/2 Mile 2 9c-
29 Writing & Answ & Posting letters 1
29 Off to Hamilton on enformation
sale found for forty Machine Cultivators
brought off from the Road Station from Rudge
to Newcastle 10 ch Road to Hamilton
Diner and Relay Postal Cart Horses 2 1/2 5
to Warrington Mark Wakefield 1 Horse 3 20
Wakefield to Johnstonfield 2 1/2 Miles 1 Horse 2 25-
30 Writing on report in Newcastle Factory 1
Telegraph Office Newcastle Factory 2 5-
Postage Stamps 7 8-
15 39 4 $24.95-

Yrsd: Hers

Yrsd: Hers
Hamilton

Hannellin Sept 4th 1872

Sir

In reference to the applica-
tion of Wm Martin of Port Maitland
for a Fishing License in the Waters of
Lake Erie. Which was transmitted
to your Dept. on the 2nd Augt. by Mr. C.
H. McCraes Dunnville. Which. Applica-
tion you planned to refer back to me for
my opinion and requires &c

I therefore beg to report for
your information that on the 31st
Inst in Port Maitland. I made full
enquiries in reference to the said ap-
plication. It appeares that Mr Wm
Martin has purchased the Fishing
Seine Nets at Buffalo at a Auction
Sale a few days ago together with a
large number of fill nets composed
of white fish Sturgeon Packerel & Her-
ring Gill nets computed to about 700
yards. I observe that this informa-
tion Mr. McCraes either forgot or neg-
lected to put in the application
to Wm. C. [illegible]

I was aware of the fact as the
Head Field Bailiff. He was very much
surprised when informed that the
stipulated fee was $25.00 the

the

The same Evening from Mr Mc
Answers that the Licence fee demanded
the same as a Net Licence

I may not be amiss to
state here that there is great deal
of discontent and dissatisfaction
among the Fishermen in this locality
in regard to the manner that Mr
Meeres and son carries out the duties
of a Fishery Officer
I will therefore try and give a few instances. Mr Freeman Green and a number of other Fishermen complains that they have receive no Licence for a num of years back having paid there fee annual fee regular they have nothing to show for their fish but a receipt
When again you might notice in my C.N. Meeres letter where he states that Mr Martin did not fish last year in consideration this assertion I may inform you that Martin did fish and also paid his fee 15.00. I spoke to Mr C.N Meeres about it who says he did not fish or pay any licence fee but to bear out my statement I beg to attach herein Meeres receipt to Mr Martin for the fee) 44 A.[illegible] all the Fishermen have (a record to enquire similar to the above.)
Mr Rees of Port Maitland complains

Complaints are very bitterly in regard to
the way he has been treated last
spring in reference to his fishing gear
on Lake Erie it appears in this case
Mr Chas Ross applies for the same fish-
ing Grounds that he has held for a
number years back, and he proved
to Messrs McCrea & Co on the 29th of April
last for which he received the usual receipt
but has received no license as yet. How-
ever he has already commenced his fish-
ing when Mr McCrea came down and told
him that he must change fishing
Grounds with one Siddall under Mr.
Donaldson of Dunnville of the Firm
of fishing Syndicate & Canal Co Compa-
ny Mr Ross says he was greatly puz-
zled what to do knowing what would be
done with him next

I could state several more
cases of such a Dismissing nature if so
required. As far as I can see the
fishermen are hard working men in
Dunnville getting other locality. I may
be wrong & they don't seem to be
Legally dealt with by Mr. McCrea & Co
might state here that Mr Ross
began Mr. Crook several gentlemen after
he was suspended his complaints such
as I was to bring to Toronto your notice
which he (Crook) still does not
to do Respectfully

In conclusion I beg to send herewith. The following applications for Licenses received by me

1st/ 10 Mr Martin Port Maitland for a License to fish one Jug Containing 1.000 yds of Gobile fish Sturgeon Herring & Pickerel gill net in that portion of the waters of Lake Erie fronting on the County of Monck the fee to be $10.00 for the year 1890

2nd/ Chas Ross Port Maitland for a Boat License to fish 4000 yds of Herring gill net in that portion of Lake Erie fronting on the County of Monck the fee to be $5.00 for the year 1890

3rd/ Freeman Green Dunville ditto

I have no objection in allowing Mr Martin the privilege of fishing the above Jug provided he pays the above fee in advance and keeps in the above limits under these conditions. I would recommend that the Licenses be granted. I would also recommend that Chas Ross & Fr. Green Licenses be granted

All of which is submitted with due respect

John Gibbon Esqr
Deputy Provincial
Secretary Dept

Jas Mc Grae
Lieutenant-Governor
Prov. Mars
J.P.

Hamilton Sept 5th 1890

Dear Madam

Yours of the 3rd July received Contents noted. The sum of £15:- will be my utmost. To have your balance for redeemed six future years may depend upon my or Their future Friendship & Recommendation to

Yours &c

Hamilton Sept 5th 1890

Dear Sir

I beg to enclose you Their Receipt for the Deposit &c Interest for the Privilege of Redeeming Bill not Yet Redeemed Which has been promised. for the sum of £7:0:0 Which sum you will please remit to me & I will Countersign the Receipt & forward at once on receipt of Money

Yours Respt
Treasr
Savings Inspector
Hamilton
Box 175

Hamilton 1890 Sept 6th

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to send me your license for the term of 25 years on the 9 acres I am entitled by the Deed to collect all moneys that are owing, and as you are desirous I would like it as soon as possible to be completed as you know that I have two other allotments to deal with and the instructions received if I have to take legal steps to govern yourself accordingly

Yours truly
Jared Hehe
H. Inspector

Mr Thos Everett
Fishermans
Victoria

Hamilton Sept 6th 1890

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to send me your license for the term of 25 years on the 9 acres I am entitled by the Deed to collect all moneys that are owing, and as you are desirous I would like it as soon as possible to be completed as you know that I have two other allotments to deal with and the instructions received if I have to take legal steps to govern yourself accordingly

Yours truly
Jared Hehe
H. Inspector

No 1 11

Halifax Sept 5th 1870

Sir

In obedience to your instructions of the 27th of August, directing me to make enquiries respecting an alleged Seizure of a Fishing Vessel & her fishing in Canadian Waters off the Magdalen Islands, I proceeded to Port Medford and made the necessary enquiries, & interviewed Mr Scholefield the Light House Keeper and he says he was informed by the Captain of the Jay Boat James Armstrong in answer to his enquiries if he had observed any American fishing Jays in the vicinity of the Islands, that he was the Straights he had seen a Jay lifting a net a good ways out but that was not sure. I also spoke to several Gulf Fishermen residing in that neighbourhood, who had not heard of the occurrence & they thought such a thing could not have taken

place

This season but there conclusions where that they did not observe any improvement as yet as they consider it too early as the fish were put in very deep water at present but they had seen Frey last year fish off Gull Island last year later on than at present. Consequently they say there is no fish close in shore now on account of the water being so warm as generally is the case at this time of year

John McCracken of Port Colborne who has been working on the new Light House all summer who has been kindly keeping a sharp look out for me. informs me that he has not observed a single Frey

And I consider this very good authority for he is on a position to see may be twenty miles around for

Over last summer I received a Telegram from a young man named M[illegible] who works at a wharf at our Christie Point to say that he had seen a American Frey fishing on reef about a mile

[illegible]

Called The morning Train but The
Next day I succeeded To Port Colborne
Had nothing Prepared To go out
when Our Train drove up Conductor
me That They had Taken up The Rails
That morning So as I Could not Get
To inform any Messengers appeared
I proceeded The Trip. I Received news
That some one in Port Colborne Had
sent word To Buffalo That The Express
was after Them. which no doubt Caused
Them To pull The rails up. Upon Learn
ing by This That They Would be more
Careful in Their Proceedings
I might state Here That Mr
Meares did not see Captain French To
make any arrangement in regard To
This Boat Captain French denying of Mr
Seeing Him However Captain Upton
was Taken over The Dept. requested his
services in a case Like This he is
only too glad To serve Them I might
also state That To Captain French was
on a Trip from Dunville To Port Colborne
I took advantage of The chance
and we proceeded along about 4 Miles
from shore. but. observed no rails or Ties
any Kind

All of which is respectfully submitted.

To The Deputy Minister I am Sir Your
Obedient Servant
Jacob Hess
Asst

Hamilton Sept 6th 1890

Sir

I have the honor to send
you herewith Bank Draft No 3 for
the sum of $30.00 Thirty dollars - -
Would you be pleased to
apply this amount for licenses
for the year 1890. as follows - -
1st/ John Hughes Burlington Beach.
for a boat license to fish 2000 yards
of Herring Gill net in the waters of
Lake Ontario fronting on B. Beach &
of Wentworth on Fishing Lot No. 6 &
the Easterly Moiety $ 5.00
2nd/ Mrs. Jane Elliott Niagara for a
license already issued and delivered the
stipulated fee sent herewith $15.00
3rd/ Chas. Currie Niagara do do $ 5.00
4th/ Bal. Bros do do do $ 5.00
Total Amt sent $30.00

I would recommend that you be
pleased to grant Mr John Hughes
his license

All of which is respectfully
submitted

I am sir Your
Obedient Servant
Supd. Fish
Ont

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries
Ottawa

Hamilton Sept. 6th 1872

Sir

I beg to report that in reference to the enclosed letters written by Mr C. H McCrae Dunnville dt the 30th of Augt and the 1st of Sept. containing the applications of Wm Meade and Chas Ross Port Maitland with apply for licenses to fish in Lake Erie I beg to state that upon a please observe that in my report of the 4th instant I dealt with these applications in full

In reference to the person of whom he refers to in one of his letter dt the 30th Augt who he says wishes to purchase the seine owned by one Brooker with the understanding of fishing out this season on Brookers privilege and next year get a license I beg to say as far as the application is concerned I have not the least objection that is if it is satisfactory to the Dept the might of given the name of the person as then it would be better able to understand it as it is I have no objection

All of which is respectively submitted

I am Sir Your

To the Deputy Minister Obedient Servant

Fisheries Dept

Ottawa

Hamilton Sept. 18th

Dear Sir

I am instructed by the Fishery Department at Ottawa to ascertain and report as to the best possible method of preserving the standard of the Fresh water Herring of this Province for the purpose of exportation

I would therefore deem it a great favor if you would kindly give me your opinion and experience or any suggestion you might think advisable on the following questions

First - The best possible process and system of the salting and curing of Herring for shipping or otherwise and also your experience in the matter

Second, What size Barrels would recommend for exporting Herring to a distance ½ Barrels or ¼ Barrels

Third, What kind of wood would you deem best in Constructing Barrels hard wood or soft for the preserving the fish for a length of time

Hoping to have an answer as soon as possible I remain Yours Respectfully

Alex Clark Esq
Collingwood

Asst. Insp
Fishery Prots. C W

Hamilton Sept. 1st 1870 945

Dear Sir I am instructed by the Fishery Department at Ottawa to ascertain and report as to the best possible method of raising the Standard of the fresh water Herring of this Province for the purpose of Exportation.

I would therefore deem it a great favor if you would kindly give me your opinion and experience and any suggestions you may feel disposed to offer on the following questions

First. The best possible process and system of the salting and Curing of Herring and also your experience in the matter

Second. What size Barrels would you recommend for exporting Herring to a distance & Barrels to ½ Barrels

Third. What Kind of wood would you deem best in Construction Barrels. hard wood. a soft. for the preserving of the fish for a length of time. And do you obtain a better class of Herring in your Pound nets than caught in Gill nets.

Please answer as soon as possible

& oblige

Yours respt

W. Y. Emory Esq

Merchant P. of Burwell

Fred. Hers

Fishery Inspector

Hamilton Sept 11 1892

Dr

I beg to send you herewith Bank Draft No 370 for the sum of $ 50.00 fifty dollars

Would you be pleased to apply this amount for licenses for this current year 1892 as follows

No 1 Robert Brandt Burlington Beach for a Boat license to fish 4000 yds of Herring Gill net in that portion of the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on Fishing Island Burlington Beach Co Wentworth The fee $ 5.00

" 2 Messrs Nash & Bently Port Dalhousie for Boat license to fish 5000 yds of Herring caseves Whitefish Gill net in that portion of Lake Ontario fronting on the County of Lincoln The fee sent herewith $ 5.00

" 3 Patrick Hand. do do do $ 5.00

" 4 John & Chas Bolton Niagara for license for 2 fishing Boats license already received & delivered. The fee $ 10.00

" 5 John & Chas Bolton " for a Sturgeon lines license already received & delivered. $ 5.00

" 6 Wm Hand Port Dalhousie for a Jeug Boat fishing license already received & delivered. The fee sent 2.00

Total Amt sent $ 50.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above three licenses

All of which is submitted with due respect to the Deputy Minister I am Sir Your Obed Servt Fred Kerr Fishery Overseer

Fisheries Dept Ottawa

Hamilton Sept 11th 1830

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to send me the Plan or drawing of Rodgers Portage Fishway

For looking over my Letter Book I observe that on August 1st I sent you some draw-ing of the above Plan it was on the 1st of June 1829

As I have some important Slides to Construct on the Grand River below Caledonia I would deem it a great favor if you would kindly furnish me with such information that you may have on hand in reference to the subject as I know you have had experience in building fishways &c. Gotches

a Small Model please send it along and I will return it to you soon as I get through.

Hoping to hear from you soon

I am yours

Ellis Mecann Esq

Jesse Doreen
Dundas

Jno Davis
Grand River

Jesse Doreen
Dundas

previously several more receipts for the
years 1848 & 1849 which I expect will be in hand
in a few days. Some of the Fishermen
seemed very reluctant in giving up their
Receipts. being afraid of getting into
trouble by having nothing on hand
to show their right of Fishing. but
I fully convinced them of the absurdity
of such fear

I might state here for some
information. that I only issue licences
to Fishermen who I think that I had a
Licence for this current year. they being
Messrs Liddell and Jones Port Maitland

I may also state upon the name
of the Fishermen. so far as I can ascertain
at present. who are supposed to be
fishing under receipts from the Overseer
Mr Green Namely P. Office
Chas Ross seine 2 000 Port Maitland
Martin Green seine 1 00 Dunnville
Wm Lambier " 1 00 "
Alfred Nelson " 1 50 "
Samuel Copeland " 1 50 "
Robt Smith " 1 50 "
Thos Beach " 1 50 "
— Jackson " 1 50 "

Some of these parties were away and I
was unable to see them

Those who are fishing Gill
nets in Lake Erie opposite Port Maitland

Merchants who have made applica-
tion to me for Licenses &c. as per
Mess Martin Gay Robinson Mc Donald &
Chas Ross Rent Rs. [illegible] "
Jo G Jones " " 35.00 "
James Archdall " " 85.00 "
Freeman Green " 85.00 "

The last three Mentioned Persons
will forward their fee in a few days
&c. The roads were in a very bad state
the day I was in Port Maitland Much
heavy rain. I was unable to proceed up
the Lake. where I heard that several
Seines were fishing whether they have
receipts Licenses or any right at all. I am
not in a possession to say. but I will
find out further particulars shortly
All of which is respectively Sub-
mitted

I am Sir your
To The Hon Provincial Secretary Most Obedt Servant
Provincial Dept. Jno G Kerr
Toronto
J. C.

Hamilton Sept. 10th 1850

Sir

I beg to send you herewith Bank Draft No 560 for the sum of £30.19 Thirty Pounds

Would you be pleased to apply this amount of a Licenses for the current year 1850, as follows

Wm Martin Port Maitland for Fishing License in Lake Erie County of Monck The Licenses already received & delivered by me the fee sent herewith £2.5.0

Chas Ross Port Maitland for a Boat License do do do £1.14

Total Cond Rec £3.19.0

Respectfully submitted

Your Obt Servt

To The Deputy Receiver Gen Kingston

Receiver Genl C.W. Kgn

952

Hamilton Sept 1st 1900

My Dear Brown

On my arrival home last Saturday I got the instructions pertaining to the condemning and building of the fresh slides at Caledonia as soon as I have completed my arrangements in reference to the plans and specifications I will go up and inspect the dams and notify the parties concerned. I will be sure to and notify you so that you can accompany me to Hamilton young Mc Crae Glean and Mr Brown Inglis Gentlemen Riders.

Yours respectfully
Fred Gurr

Tarrillon Sept 10th 1892

Sir

I beg to return herewith the license of H M Steamer Buffalo which was granted by your Department to the above Gentlemen. The 3 enclosed for the privilege of fishing on Gull Reef off Cathcell Point Lake Erie. It appears by what he says in his letter that there must been a mistake made by Mr McCrae was informed that they had concluded to drop the matter. But however I will send you this letter which will give you full explanation

Respectively submitted

To The Deputy Minister Fisheries Department Ottawa

Your Obedient Servant
Jas Hess
J. O

954

Hamilton Sept. 8th 70

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to forward your License fee as soon as possible. As I am instructed by the Treasury Department to collect all License fees at once

I would therefore deem it a favor if you would send it before the end of the month without further notice or delay & oblige

Wm P. Hafford Esq
Beamsville

Yours &c
Clerk
&c Inspector

Hamilton Sept. 8th 70

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to forward your License fee as soon as possible. As I am instructed by the Treasury Dept. to collect all License fees at once

I would therefore deem it a favor if you would send it before the end of the month & oblige

Robert Brook Esq
Beamsville
Ont

Yours respectfully
Clerk
&c

Hamilton Sept 10 1890

Sir

I beg to send you herewith
Bank Draft No for the sum of $10.00
Jen Fullers

Would you be pleased to
apply This amount for licenses for
this current year 1890 as follows
Fred W Hodgenson Grantham for
a Boat license to fish 400 yards of
Herring and Pickerel Gill net in that
portion of the Public waters of Lake
Ontario fronting on the county of
Lincoln the fee sent herewith $5.00
Second E. Holmwood Burlington Beach
for a Boat license to fish 300 yards
Herring Gill net in that portion of
the waters of Lake Ontario fronting on
Fishing Lot No 14 Burlington Beach Canal
Co of Wentworth the fee sent herewith $5.00
Total Amt sent herewith $10.00

I might explain in reference to E.
Holmwood he has bought out Mrs Fowlds
who was in possession of Lot no 14 for a
great number of years and she has de-
cided to quit fishing

I recommend that you be pleased to grant
the above licenses

I am sir Your
obedient servant
Fred W

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Ottawa

953

Hamilton sept 17th 1830

Dear Sir

I beg to inform you in answer to your letter of the 11th instant I have declined not to grant any licence as I do not wish to encourage an monopoly and deprive other parties from exercising there privilege. And moreover I must have the fee in advance before commencing to fish. Under these circumstances I am willing to grant upon a license to fish any where fronting on Lincoln in the public water of Lake Ont and on no other consideration

Mr. Asaph Grubb
Beamsville

Yours truly
Jacob Hess

Hamilton Sept 6 1875

Sir

In reference to the enclosed letter of Overseer Hallowell to your Dept dated the 10th in regard to certain illegal Fishing said to have been carried on by Messrs Foard & Brandgom during the past Fishing season on Toronto Island. which information was received by me and transmitted by me by letter dated the 28th Augt

I beg therefore to state that the information received I considered at the time was correct. as all were acquainted and commonly reported & long time enough for steps to be taken I decided to report the same to you as I wanted to be sure of the facts before doing so. The first time I was told was in Brantford. Overseer Sargent told me he heard Mess were catching small whitefish on the Island I asked him why not report the same he said he was not sure yet: but would try and find out the truth of it. Sometime after that being in Port Dalhousie I was informed by Mr Beard a fisherman residing there that a lot of

of small White Fish were being
Caught at Toronto Island by Messrs
Ward & Montgomery and were sold
by various Fish Dealers and said
at 12½ a Shanna and it ought to
be stopped &c &c

But. at the same time
he did not wish his name mentioned
in connection therewith, as he was
in the habit of shipping his Cisco
Herring fresh to Toronto by the daily
Steamers and was afraid that if
his name was mentioned he might
lose his trade which would be a great
Injury to him as his best market
[illegible] in Toronto during the summer
time

But. however as Overseer Hall
should be fully persuaded that the
information is not correct and I do
not wish to Contradict him, not being
in a position to be present to prove
otherwise. In fact I only hope that
Mr Hallowell's assertions are correct, as
I consider him a very wealthy Offen-
But. I think if he went quietly around
and enquired among the Fish dealers
he would have found out a great
deal more than by going to the sup-
posed offenders themselves. As
I know by experience that Fisher-

Fishermen

Fishermen are not in the habit of informing on themselves

All of which is respectfully submitted

I am Sir your
To the Deputy Minister Obedient Servant
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

Fredk Wells
Fishery Overseer

1911
Hamilton Ont Feb 15th

Marseilles Sept 30th 1870

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to forward your Boat License for the ensuing year as I am employed by the Fishery Dept to collect the same Northout further delay

And you would favor me very much if you would forward the Licenses as speedily as possible. And I have no further trouble as I have no other alternative but to carry out my instructions

James Liddell
Fisherman
Port Maitland

Jas Jones
Fish Hatcher
Yarmouth

Marseilles Sept 30th 1870

Dear Sir

Would you be pleased to forward your Boat License for the ensuing year as I am employed by the Fishery Dept to collect the same Northout further delay

And you would favor me very much if you would forward the Licenses as speedily as possible. And I have no further trouble as I have no other alternative but to carry out my instructions I called [illegible]

T. S. Jones
Fisherman
Port Maitland

Jas Jones
Fish Hatch
Yarmouth

963

Hamilton Sept 1800

Dear Sir
I have received your Card duly
and shall be happy to inform you
that your communication
will have my earliest
attention. I will be
be down in the course of
a few days

I have the
honour
to be Sir
Your Most
Humble Servt
Geo. Ward
Party Surg

Han: Ulm Sept: 26th 1791:

Sir

I Would wish to please
to send me duplicate Licence for
Leave of Bolton Bro and Ball. Bro
Postmasters Glasgow. The fee was sent
to the Dept on the 4th and 11th Instno respe
ctively: and I having the Licences in
possession they being Granted some time
ago I omitted them to the Parties on
the receipt of the money: But they
inform me that they did not get them
they having got Orders some way before
hand and Dangers

All of which is respectfully submitted

To the Depty Postmaster I am Sir Your
Postmasters Depo Obedient Servant
Edinr Postmaster
Postmasters Glasgow

Hannaltown Sept 26th/1867

Sir

I Receive the Honr to send your Accepted Bank Draft No for the sum of $25.00 Thirty five dollars

Would you be pleased Sir apply Their enclosed for Licenses for the Current Year 1870 as follows

1st John Hand Grimsby for a Boat Seans to fish 5000 yards of Salmon Trout & white fish Herring Gill nett in the waters of Lake Erie fronting the Co. of Haldimand the fee $5.00

2 Robert Bork Beamsville for a Boat Seans to fish 5000 yds. of Sturgeon & Herring Gill nett fronting on the Township of Clinton Co. of Lincoln the fee do. Same $5.00

3 Thomas Green Jerseville for a Seans to fish 4000 yds. of Herring Gill nett in Lake Erie fronting the Co. of Kent the Seans already received & Value by me the fee $5.00

4 Ball & Brenda Niagara for a Boat Seans to fish 3000 yds. in the waters of Lake Ontario from about mouth of Kennedy Hollow to 30 mile Creek fronting Co. of Lincoln the Seans already asst & Value .. $5.00

Mills & Kirk $5.00

Patterson & Clench $5.00

Mills & Brown $5.00

Total Amt. sent $35.00

I would recommend that you be pleased to grant the above two applications respectively, & that the

Yr. the Deputy Minister Fisheries Dept. Ottawa

I am Sir Your Most Obt. Hble Servt.

J O

Hamilton Sept[r] [illegible]

Sir

I am requested by Mr Joseph Masters an old resident of Niagara Town to ascertain from your Dept[t] ... if Mr. W. A. Mullory has has any right or did he obtain a Licence to run a Ferry from Niagara Town across the river to Youngstown N. Y. ... It appears by what Mr Masters says Mr Mullory claims he has a five years licence for the above privilege and has been collecting from other

Mr Masters has been compelled to pay him the sum of $10.00 for this current year for the privilege of rowing and sailing parties across the river from niagara to Youngstown Mr Masters has two small row Boats and one sail boat and has been in the habit of ferrying across the river for a number of years back. and feels very much hurt and grieved to be compelled to pay a fee to an outside party who even refuses or cannot show him any written Authority from your Dept[t] as to his said claim

Mr. Masters also wishes that it to be understood that he is quite

quite

quelle position Sir Jno A. Macdonald
Dept of Marine acquiesced but certainly
objected and probably against paying
Mrs Middleton money which he claims
cannot show proper Dr thereby forcing
Leclerc Pilotage

I might inform you that
Mrs Middleton took from a small Steamer
Lake Steamer but it was either swept
or broken away from a Steamer Lake-
fall on account of ice and stopped
here and now lies at a Dock in the
City of Toronto. I might also say that
Mrs Middleton is well known respected Woman
has long life Conservative. Lived respec-
tively hopes your Dept Sir Grant him
a license personally for the privilege
he is now paying Mrs Middleton for

All of which is submitted with
due respect

I am Sir Yours
To The Deputy Minister Obedient Servant
of Marine & Fisheries Fred. Wm
Ottawa Forsbery Toronto

970

Hamilton Sept 24 1891

Friend Joe

Would you kindly give the names of the Councillors of Flamborough and oblige us. I am very busy now and unable to go down but I hope to be down soon you are having fine weather for harvesting

Yours truly
Fred. Glen
Jr

Jos Gabriel
Waterdown

Hamilton Sept 29. 1891

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 29. instant received. I am to inform you that by sanction me the sum of $2.50. I will buy and get the license for you. because you could not sell I think will do. Please forward as soon as possible & oblige.

Yours etc
Fred Glen
Secy Treas

James B. Gordon
Ald Caledonia

Hamilton Sept 29th 1892

Sir

In obedience to your order of the 18th Ultimo. requesting me to prepare a Schedule of the rivers in my District and those running into the U.S. as well as Local Locations of Saw Mills and what Provisions are made by the Mill Owners to Keep the Slab Dust and Mill rubbish out of the Water

I therefore beg to report as follows

Samuel Campbell. Progression. This Mill is situated on the 12 Mile Creek a Tributary of Lake Ontario in the Co of Wentworth. The Saw Mill is built over the Stream with a good floor under and is run by water or Steam. The Saw Dust & rubbish is carried away by Elevators run by the Mill and Thence carted away every two hours formerly Mr Campbell used a large Furnace to consume the Saw Dust but he consider it too expensive and dispensed with the same a short time ago. And I think myself the way things are managed now is much better than before. In all the time he had to carry the Saw Dust

Dust

dust a long distance to the furnace
along side of the stream. and generally
during windy weather a good deal of
saw dust will be blown into
the water &c. As it is now there is no
danger

I carefully examined the stream
below and under the Mill and found
no Saw dust or rubbish. I enquired
by enquiries that. an large number
of Speckled Trout were caught by
anglers during the fishing season
which speaks well for this stream as
it is a unusual thing for a great num-
bers back. I myself observe trout
ones in the water between the Mill and
the Dam

Mrs Baker, Bakerville: This saw
Mill is built on a creek tributary to
the 12 mile creek run by steam. I found
no Saw dust or rubbish in the water as
as it is carefully piled up some distance
from the Banks of the stream. The mill
only runs a couple month in the year
All other saw mills that were in the
District are removed I examined the
Niagara river, but there is no Saw
mills on the Canadian side, but on
on the American side at a place call
ed Tonawanda where lumbering busi
ness is done and a large number of

Saw
Mills

Saw Mills are in operations it is
Conceded the largest lumbering town
in America. I therefore carefully
examined those Saw Mills and plan-
ing Factorys that are closely situated
near the Tonawanda River. and Tonawan-
da Creek which empties into the Tona-
wana close by the Erie Canal
The names of the Firms are
as follows = C. D. Clark & Co. Dodge
& Co. Baltes & Co Robinson & Co Kelly & Co
The Pittsburgh Company a No. of Mills
and J. Jackson & Co.
All these Saw Mills and
Planing Factories &c are run by steam
and are provided with the latest
inventions and improvements to be
found to save and procure the saw
dust and shaving for Trade and
shipping purposes except J. Jackson
& Co These Mills are furnish with large
wooden pipes which carries the saw dust
and shavings to what is called a Fire
King room and pressed into Bales
But at Jackson Mill which as set
aside on Tonawanda Creek a short
distance from the river. I found a large
heap of Saw dust laying partly in the
Creek no effort at all are made to
prevent the same from going in
I also observed that the water

The said Creek was literally covered with Saw Dust & shewing inches thick for Hundreds of yards down towards the mouth. I also carefully examined the River along down to below the Saw Mills. And regret to say that there was a quantity of Saw & Rubbish continually floating down. I cannot possitively say whether all this Saw Dust came from the Jackson Mill or not but I believe the most part of it did. In conversation with several I understand that the Authorities of the U. S. do not allow them to throw the Saw Dust or rubbish into the river

In Conclusion I may inform as far as Saw Mills is concerned in my District it is almost done away with as there is no Lumber of any account except it is for private use

All of which is respectively submitted

I am Sir Your Obedient Humble Servt! Wm. J. O.

To The Deputy Minister of Fisheries Dept. Ottawa

September 90

Sept. 6th	John Hughes	Licence	5-00	Sent By Bank
"	Mrs. Jane Elliott	Same Licence	15-00	Dup. 95-6 In the
"	Chas. Currie	Boat Licence	5-00	Sept. for the sum
"	Ball Brothers	"	5-00	of Three on Bk.
Sept. 11th	Robert Brandt	Licence	5-00	Sent By Bank
	Messrs Rath & Renty	Boat Lic.	5-00	Draft No 370
	Patrick Hand	"	5-00	for the sum of
	John & Chas Ballin	"	10-00	10-00 on the 11th
	John & Chas Ballin	Hungerford	5-00	
	Wm H Hand	Ferry Licence	20-00	
Sept. 18th	Wm Merlin	"	25-00	Sent by Bank Draft 37
	Chas Ross	Boat Licence	5-00	30 for Chas Ross
Sept. 18th	Wm Hodgenson	Licence	5-00	Sent by Bank Draft 38
	& Halmwood	"	5-00	90 for the sum
Sept. 26	John Hand	"	5-00	Sent by Bank
	Robert Brandt	"	5-00	Draft No 415
	Freeman Greene	"	5-00	for the sum of
	Ball & Omeara	"	5-00	$35-00 on the
	Mills & Keith	"	5-00	26 instant
	Paterson & Clench	"	5-00	
	Mills & Brown	"	5-00	

Total Amt Sent Herring this $155:00 Month Sept.

Fred. Herr

Hamelin

Hamilton
Ohio

Ford's House
Ohio 30th of September 90

Sept	2	off to Dennville & Port Maitland in regard to Americans fishing & collt Leases per Ryson 8 Ms Pd Museum fare 8 1.50 12 miles Pd Conveyance to Port Maitland	1	40	3 65
"	3	off from Dennville to Port Colborne by Road Letter ad Manuals Pd ferry 2.5 Ct Ferry Ohio to Ham 3 Ct Home by St Catharines 8 165 Bus ad 15 Ct	1	45	2 10
"	4	Writing	1		
"	5	Writing letter & answering	1		
"	7	Down at B. Beach looking over all of any sundays fishing were Coverd on found absent by reason N.E. 8 miles	1	18	2 00
"	9	Writing &c	1		
	10	Writing &c	1		
	12	off to Dennville via Caledonia Ohio Port Maitland Ry fare 8 1.15 Pd Museum fare 8 1.50 from Dennville 12 m Pd Bus ad Cayuga 25 Ct Ferry ad Ct fare Thence to Cayuga Ry fare 15 Ct	1	60	3 80
	13	off from Cayuga after interviewing Thomas Thomas fishing Home Ry fare 8 1.00 Pd Camille Ms for Maynard 75 Ct Ms Russell Street Car at Ham 25 Ferry at Ham 25 Ct	1	53	2 80
	15	down at B Beach Calling calls 5.00 from E Halmwood 14.13 19. miles 2.00 Ferry at Lynn 25 Ct Ferry fare 25 Ct	1	19	2 50
	16	off to London by invitation from Gordon Mc Cann to see some fish ways before instructing in seeing the Grand Circuit with him absent Sunday Thence Ry fare 8 3.00 Street Cars at Ham 25 Ct	1	80	5 85
			11	327	20.20

Grand Haven

Hannibal
Mich 1st

Chic 30th September 90

£1 327 2020

Sept 19

Sept 19 Off from London & Hong Kong Bank's in company with the Inglenook Landing at Jackson's Point Ont for cash and Receipts Home Home Street Car & Ferry at Detroit & Return 2 cts 1 100 1 05

" 20 Landing Mc Mc 1

22 Off Co Progressive Commonwealth & Boiler Mills empty barrels by M.C.B. Mills 40 @ $3.00 Diner & H feed & Supper & Hs 1 40 3 65

23 Off Co Niagara Falls Can & H Customs Ferry Co & C Customs 1.00 Russell Paul Rodgers for Mc 22 & Ph for a dinner & H feed & Hannibal Mc 1/2 cts H Ferry Co Fort Erie & Buffalo 1 90 4 80

24 Off from Ft Erie & Buffalo Commonwealth empty barrels &c for a dinner Reader 10 cts 13 for Commonwealth & Home @ 1.21 Mrs from Off Hotel & Co Commonwealth Pd Belvedere Hotel Ferry 1/2 cts for Mrs Off Bl. Ferry cts Bl. Ferry at Niagara Falls & Return Co Hannibal Mc 25 cts Street Car 10 Hannibal 1 100 4 30

26 Landing

29 Home & B Beach Coffee Stk Bl 21 miles Service 2.50 1 20 3 10

30 Home Beaconsfield Hotel Hannibal Mc 2 cts 1 50 2 55

Postage and Telegrams for Mr McLaren 1 00

1.6 737 $40.86

Grand Haven

Hamilton Oct 1st 1840

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge
The receipt of your letter of
the 28th sept containing the
sum of £15:0:0 on account of
Licence fees

Shall have to inform
you that the Licenses will
be transmitted as soon as
received from the Fishery
Dept at Ottawa

Mr Wm Everett
International Bridge

Yours Truly
Jno D Kerr
J P

Hamilton Oct 1st 1840

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge
The receipt of your letter of
the 28th sept containing
The sum of £15:0:0 on account
of Licence fees

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be transmitted to you as
soon as received from Fishery
Dept at Ottawa

Mr Aaron Grubb
Beamsville
C W

Yours Truly
Jno D Kerr
J P

Mr Thomas Mansfield
Fishmonger Liverpool

Hamilton Oct 18th 1840

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and beg to inform you that Mr Ord desires that you will duly inform me in reference to the complaint for in sending the report to the Fishery Dept I did not mention any names whatever I merely reported what I heard which was the reason to believe all the nets were illegal but I am only to be guided by the Law in it. I am not at liberty to give any information unless you know we are in duty bound not to do so. In reference to Worsnop Mr Cormack allowing

The Bounds may be fished in your locality. I believe the Fishery Officers are over anxious as to whether the Grant the privilege or not I have had several applications from other districts But I absolutely refused to entertain them

It is optional to a fishery Officer whether to charge extra for each mesh or not in making your application you should state the number each kind of nets you enclose to fish mentioning whether fish should and caveas and for just as it would be alright on Boat licence calls for 5000 yds fill net. I do not think the Health Officers can disturb you except you create a bad smell or nuisance. Of course in that case they would be liable

Yours truly Thos: Hays

File No
340-90

Hamilton Oct. 3rd/92

Sir

In obedience to your instructions of the 21st of sept. file No 340-90 — requesting me to furnish your Dept. with certain information. As to Customs and Excise Officers in my District whose services would be desirable to assist in assisting to enforce the Fishery laws

I beg therefore to send you herewith the names of several Gentlemen whom I presume would give assistance if so required — 1st Mr Schofield Customs Officer Stationed at Port Erie — I might say in reference to this Gentlemen that he has given me a great deal of information in regard to the American encroachments & and has kindly assisted me in many ways in discharge of my duties

There is also Jas Walker Constable Water at Queenston. Mr Jones at Niagara on the Lake and Mr Kirby Niagara Ont. Those I believe are all good men and most of them reside at Fishing Stations and if they would only consent to give their assistance it would be very desirable and acceptable and great help to me and the Fisheries in General. I do not know any others at present

Respectfully submitted
I am Sir Your
Obedient Servant
Fred. Gerry

To The Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

Hamilton October 14th 1890

Sir

I beg to send herewith Bank Draft No for the sum of $ 12.50 — Thirty five dollars

Would you be pleased to apply This Amount for Licenses for This Current year 1890 as follows

1st Daniel McGivern Burlington Beach for a Boat License to fish 5000 yards of Leaders & Herring Gill Net in That portion of The waters of Lake Ontario fronting on fishing Lots Nos 13 & 14 & 15 County of Wentworth The fee The same as last year $12.50

2nd John Haycock B. Beach do 3000 yds Herring Gill net Lot No 16. do do $ 8.00

3. Philip Stafford Beamsville for a Boat License to fish 4000 yds of Herring & Whitefish Gill net in The waters of Lake Ontario fronting The Township of Clinton County of Lincoln The fee sent herewith $10.00

4. Aaron Grubb Beamsville do do $ 5.00

5. Edward B Gilbert Jordan " " "
fronting The Township of South " " 5.00

6th Wm Everett International Bridge for a License to fish one seine 250 yds long in The waters of Niagara River between The International Bridge and Jordan Everett Wharf The fee sent herewith 5.00

I recommend That you be pleased to grant the above Licenses Total Amt $35.00

To The Honble Minister
Fisheries Dept Ottawa

I am Sir your
Obedient Servant
[illegible]

Hamilton Oct 6th 1890

Sir

In reference to your letter of the 1st instant file No 1018-90 on reference to a letter of Mr. C. H. Mecan Dunnville. Asking a certain questions regard to licensed Fishermen be permitted to stretch their seines along Bars and shoals in the waters of the Grand River and then drive the fish from those waters into the nets &c and also your request for me to explain what this means

I therefore beg to explain that I do not concur or agree with the scheme for the following reasons..

The fish goes into small coves and little Bays in the river during the spawning seasons and generally stop a long time around after the young fry appears naturally for their protection. These seen Sunfish Bass and other kinds of fish continually watching and driving other fish away keeping ground as it were over their young. Now I presume the way the nets are fished is in this manner The net is set with one end attached to the shore at the mouth or fronting it

a Cove or small Bay in a half-moon
circle with a rope attached to the out
side and to what is called the Brail
The fish all kinds are drove or crowded
till they come within the reach of the
net. The net is then gradually cir
cle around to shore and hauled in
in the usual manner. And everything
in the shape of fish are caught.

I believe this is the true version
of what this kind of fishing means
and my opinion is that its a direct
contravention of the Fisheries Act
Sec. Seven subsec: Chap 9. However if not
it should be disallowed for it certain
ly has a tendency to destroy a large
number of small and young fish
such as Pike Bass Pickerel which otherwise
if not disturbed would escape for once
the fish is drove within the above mention
ed circle there is no escape big or little
I believe a seine fish that way is far
worse than any gill net

In conclusion I might say in
granting the privilege it would appear to
create a bad precedent as others would
want to fish in the same way. I would
therefore confirmed them to their licensed
fishing ground set apart for their benefit
by your Dept & leaving it in your own
discretion for your own consideration

I am sir your
obedient Servant
J. McLeod Fer
J. P.

J. The Hon. Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

Hamilton Oct 6th 1881

Sir

I beg to report for your information that on the 2nd inst I visited in the neighbourhood of Caledonia and York deriving notices on the Mill Dam owners in reference to the Fish ways to be built on the Grand River I carefully examined the Saw mills of D. F. Johnston Caledonia and Calvin Baker York in company with Messrs Evans Cayuga we found that they make no effort whatever to prevent the Saw dust or Mill rubbish from going into the River: I notified them to immediately to take steps and make provisions at once to prevent the same occurrence that are continually going on

If this order is not attended to please advise me what steps I should take next

all of which is respectfully submitted

To the Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

I am Sir Your
Obedient Servant
Fred Pierce
Fishery Overseer

Hamilton Oct. 6. 1870

Sir

Agreably to your request of the 4th of September No 2672=70, in reference to the abstracts sent by your Dept. to me with the various suggestions and recommendations contained therein as to the sea and fresh water Herring industry. and the best means of raising the standard of the same by Salting & curing of the same. and also asking me to report my experience and opinions of others on the subject

I therefore beg to report that after making careful enquiries from those whom I deem qualified to give an good opinions and my own experience. are. as follows

In the first place I may inform you that there is very little salting or curing of fresh water Herring done of late years and that for reasons taken that I am aware of. As most all the Herring of our great lakes are shipped to the United States in a fresh and a frozen state. In Lake Erie most the Herring are taken offat of the Pound nets by Tug Boats. and brought over to

"in the American Shelf at once although it
Herring caught in those nets at certain
of the year are of an inferior class being very
small. I have ascertained from some of
the most extensive Pound Net Fishers.
That the reason they do not care more
Herring then at present is that they would
not realized the prices when the Herring are
sold fresh or in a Frozen state

With these preliminary remarks
I shall now proceed to state the experience
of practical men and my own opinion as
to the salting and curing of Lake Herring

Salting and Curing of Herring

Mr. Jos. Gales who is considered
an expert as to the salting and curing
of Cisco and Herring who has been
employed by some of the best Fish
Dealers of the City of Hamilton and of the
Places there who exports all kinds of
Fish very extensively. his methods des
cribed by us follows. First pick out
the best class of Herring gut and clean
them by splitting down the belly scrape
out the Blood using a round bladed
Knife cut of the Head then wash them
throw them into a Barrel in layers
throwing in dry Salt on every layer. The
Liverpool salt is consider the best for
this purpose. Then leave them 24 Hours
Hours

Names of the Nets Cons as separate Table 280
and and separate and names Calls in
Half Barrels being closely packed as
properly Interested with the fish Layer
on their backs to prevent shifting upon
shipping. And the generalities that the
Herring put up in this manner will
keep 2 years in a good state of preserva
tion. We have been in the habit of putting
up Lake Herring for private individuals
for their own consumption. and I believe
given general Satisfaction. one Gentleman
in Particular did not open the Barrels for
nearly two years. and when opened to see
the Herring were found in prime con
dition. I have also spoken to a
number of practical and experienced
Fishermen men who are well versed
in the art of Salting and the curing
of Herring and they all concur to the
above Trade

Although I myself certainly
agree with them in that respect. but
I think the most important thing is
the Condition of the water and the
Weight of the fish when taken. More especial
when caught in Still Nets. When the
water is warm it does not in any estim
ation make much difference how good
they may be preserved. they Rarely
turn out as good. as when the water
water

water is cold. and it sometime late in
the fall of year. in fact ontario and be-
fore the waters are in a proper condetions
as to the other fish I am not in a position
to say as to their condetion in that res-
pect. Therefore presume that this
is the reason of so many complaints
in regard to the Herring being found in
a poor condetion when the Barrels are
open after a length of time. because as
I contend the Herring dies in the nets mu-
sooner when the water is warm then it
be otherwise. and even spoils if the nets
are not lifted in short periods. and to
make a success the Herring must be in
sound condition. and I believe a very few
unsound Herrings will soon spoil a Bbl
of good ones. And if the Fishermen were
in the habit of pulting up Herring for
shipping purposes would take note
of this fact they would find it would
make a vast difference to their Trade
and to the quality of the Herrings

Barrels

In regard to the best kind of
Barrels for the shipping and exporting of
Herring half Bbls are generally used are
constructed of Pine wood but I consider
Hard wood would be much better as
they would stand rough usage better
than Pine. and not apt to warp or leak

as soft wood Barrels are known to do

Inspections

In regard to inspection. I think it most proper and right that an Inspector should be appointed to prevent the possibility of soured and unsound fish being packed together. As I consider this matter was properly attended to. The quality of the Herring would greatly improve the exporters would realized better and prompt prices. and once this point is secured it certainly reduces the shipping of Fresh & Frozen Herring to the American Market at sacrifice prices

All of which is respectively submitted

I am Sir
Obedient servant
Jas Tees

To the Deputy Minister
of Fisheries
Ottawa

Dear Sir

I annulled 7. 1890

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Annual Report of this Department for 1889 and to enclose herewith a Return of Boats licensed for the current year. I consider that the Herring Fishery is receiving the attention it deserves, and that the enumerated Regulations are working satisfactorily

Yours truly
D. Jones Gwynne Clerk
Chief Inspector of Fisheries
Ottawa

Hamilton October 8th 1890

Sir

I beg Sir report for your information. That I have received a Telegram from Wm Everett international Bailiff. a licensed fisherman who fishes a seine at this place in the waters of the Niagara River who complains that one Capt Mcmahon with Tug Boat. Arthur Wood. of Buffalo. dumped. six or seven Cans on his fishing Gaurnets within 50 or 60 yards from shore. Whether this was done wantonly or accidently I am unable to say yet. but before proceeding to the place for the purpose of investigating the matter. and if found it was done wantonly and deliberate what action should I take in the matter as I consider this a rather delicate piece of business and I therefore require some instructions from you

All of which respectively submitted for your early attention

I am Sir your
To The Deputy Minister Obedient Servt
Fisheries Dept. Fred Kerr
Ottawa I D

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Hamilton Oct 2. 1899

Dear Sir

Your Telegram received and carefully noted I have just wrote to the Dept for instructions in the matter before going any further but as soon as received will let you know what can be done It is a rather delicate matter and I must have full instructions from the Hon! members before taking any actions

Yours Truly
Fred Peer
J P

Mason Barrett
International
Boston

Hamilton Oct 13/1890

Dear Sir

I notified you in regard to your Boat license on the 25th of sept last. The same as I did others and I have received no answer from you to my letter. Please send me the $5.00 at once. and save further trouble or expense all the rest in your locality has paid. so please attend to this at once & oblige

Yours truly
Jas. [illegible]

Mr James Reddell
Fisherman
[illegible]

Hamilton Oct 14

Dear Sir I beg to inform you that according to instruction received from the Fishery Dept in reference to your complaint as to the dumping of Factories refuse in the Harbour I have properly the called attention of the Fisheries Act But it may possible come under the head of Public nuisance which being the case you have a proper redress to have I will be taking a trip up there shortly

Yours truly
Jas. [illegible]

Wm Everett
International
Bridge

Hamilton Dec 13 1920

Dear Sir

I notified you in
regard to your taxes being
due on the 1st of last June.
The same is still unpaid
and I have received no
answer to my letter.
You are hereby notified
that unless the taxes
and penalty are paid
within twenty days
after the receipt of
this notice, I shall
proceed to collect the
same according to law.

Yours truly
Chas Wells
Collector

Hamilton Oct 14.th 1890

Sir

I beg leave to make the usual application in behalf of certain residents of Hamilton and those residing in the neighbourhood of Burlington Bay, for the usual permission and privilege granted therefor of spearing Herring pike and Bass in the open waters of Burlington Bay and Dundas Marsh

Spearing to commence for Herring on the 1st of November until the 10th of December next and for pike and Bass from the formation of the ice until the 1st day of April 1891. at the usual rate of the sum of $1.00 for the said privilege and no spearing to be allowed in the inlets

I would recommend that your be pleased to grant the above application

Respectively submitted

I am Sir your

Obedient Servant

Jno Flett

J. P. O

To the Deputy Minister
Fisheries Dept
Ottawa

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Hamilton Nov 12 1868

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith
Bank Draft No for the sum of